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Amir cancels Eid ceremonies in sympathy with

KUWAIT, June 27, (AP): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, has cancelled ceremonies marking the Eid Al Adha feast in sympathy with the earthquake disaster that has hit Iran, an official announcement said today.

"In sympathy with the plight of the Muslim people of neighbouring from following the disastrous earthquake which claimed thousand of victims, the Amiri Court announces that the Amir will not receive well-wishers as usual for Eid Al Adha," said the

Each year, the Amir, like leaders in the rest of the countries on the Arabian peninsula, marks the beginning of the two main Islamic feasts by receiving long queues of well-wishers at his palace after the dawn prayers.

Eid Al Adha or the feast of sacrifice falls next Monday and commemorates Prophet Abraham's (PBUH) readiness to sacrifice his son to God. The other feast which falls two months earlier is Eid Al Fitr, ending the Ramadan month of fasting.

Sheikh Jaber's gesture follows the improvement in Kuwaiti relations with Iran that began following the Persian state's acceptance of the ceasefire that halted its eight-year Iraq-Iran war two years ago. During the war. Kuwait was the repeated target of Iranian

masterminded internal acts of terrorism. Kuwait and its other Gulf Arab neig bours, including Iraq, were among the first send condolences to Iranian Preside Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Lanka 'maids' minister disguised in Kuwait

... I've never seen such misery

COLOMBO, June 27, (Reuter): Colombo has banned Sri Lankan women from going to Kuwan to work because some were being forced into prostitution, government officials said. "I appeal to our women not to go to Kawoii anymore. It is like buying a ticket to hell." Labour Minister M.G. Premachandra told

reporters recently after secretly visiting Kuwan disguised as an engineer. The han was announced last week and was due to be fully implemented this week. Lubour Ministry officials said.

When I saw how poor Lankan women taken there as housemaids were being auctioned for

Quake zone

chopper

crash kills

Iranian MP TEHRAN, June 27. (Agencies): An army helicopter carrying relief workers crashed in Iran's earthquake disaster zone today killing a Member of Parliament. Forty of the 49 survivors

were injured, the official news agency

Irna named the MP as Mohammad Hossein Eftekhari, a Muslim cleric who represented Fouman, one of the towns of Gilan province devas-

tated by last Thursday's quake, which killed about 40,000 people, Irna said the US built Chinook

helicopter came down near the

Army helicopter pilots have been flying as many missions on earth-

quake relief as they did during the fiercest battles of the 1980-88 Gulf

More than 200 people injured in

Iran's killer earthquake died in hosp-

itals today. Relief officials appealed for more international aid, but not

foreign personnel, to help treat and

Bad weather and aftershocks.

meanwhile, hampered relief opera-

tions in the devastated northern provinces and left casualties among

Officials at the Red Crescent, said

they have counted 40,000 dead and more than 60,000 injured in Thurs-

day's temblor which registered bet-ween 7.3 and 7.7 on the open-ended

Government officials earlier said 50,000 people died, 200,000 were injured and 500,000 were made

The Islamic Republic News

Agency reported that a 19-year-old volunteer died today in Rudbar.

A wall collapsed on Iraj Amjadian,

a student at the police academy, when a mild tremor shook the city as

he and other volunteers were trying to dig bodies from under the debris of

Dollar/Gold

LONDON, June 27, (AP): The

US dollar fell against all curren-cies except the Swiss franc in

In London, one British pound

cost \$1,7430 late today, more

expensive for buyers than Tues-

pared with late yesterday.

1.6635 West German marks, down from 1.6690.

• 1.4075 Swiss francs, up from

• 5.5885 French francs, down

● 1.8700 Dutch guilders, down

● 1.219.50 Italian lire, down from 1.222.25.
■ 1.1705 Canadian dollar, down

Gold bullion gained 55 cents an

Gold closed in London, the

major market, at a bid price of

\$350.05 a troy ounce, up from 349.50 and in Zurich at \$349.90

Silver bullion closed in London

bid, down from 350.00.

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prostitution, my blood boiled, and I firmly decided to stop this slave trade," said Frentachandra, who said he visited Kuwait eather this

In Kuwan, the Social Affairs Ministry such the Sri Lankan labour minister last visited the country about 18 months ago and declared to comment on the report.
Of the 70,000 Sti I ankan women who had sought domestic work in Kuwait, 17,000 were

without John, he said. We won't approve any contracts to Kuwan," Labour Secretary Justin Dias saul.
He said 100 maids came to the Sri Lankan embassy in Kuwait each day to complain of mistreatment by employers. Some were forced to work for 12 hours a day and then sent to other houses to do additional jubs.
"The girls pay money to agents here and go

there thinking they have jobs and then end up stranded." Dias said Two rooms in the embassy were full of women who have nowhere to go, the secretary

said. Some turn to prostitution to survive.

Premachandra said that on his visit to Ruwait, Dias and hunself, both disguised, visited a building where 150 "agencies" offered

Photographs of all these girls were in files

with prices marked, we could chose any of them, "he said. "I hey (the women) told us, with tears trickling down their cheeks, how they had been duped by agents, and the pitiful conditions in

which they were now," Premachandra said.

Most of them said they could not go back to

their homes now as they would not be accepted by their parents and husbands. They preferred

Egypt counsels peace as Israel teaches war

Meguid urges PLO talks; Arens deploys troops

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Agencies): Egypt sent its foreign minister to the White House with a "message of peace" and this advice: talk to the PLO again.

The US reply, through spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, was that talks with Yasser Arafat's group had only been suspended - not cut off forever more.

To get the 18-month dialogue resumed, all Arafat has to do is punish the perpetrators of the attempted May 30 assault on Tel Aviv and denounce it as well, US officials said.

As for the message carried by Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid yesterday, the Egyptian emissary declined to provide any details and Fitzwater and other US officials were not filling in the

But Abdel-Meguid provided a couple of clues after he saw Secretary of State James Baker at the State Department.

He said it was up to Israel to get the stalled process going, and that

Egypt was willing to resume its role of conduit to the Palestine Liberation Organisation. "If this can help, if the parties are

reporters.

ready," the foreign minister told

tainly part of the peace process and

this has been known since the peace

process started," Abdel-Meguid

At the same time, he suggested it

for Israel to respond to the peace

process now," the foreign minister

ity leaders' criticism of its treatment

israel was trying to restore order.

The statement was issued a day

after the 12-nation community concluded its summit in Dublin, Ireland,

with a communique that accused Israel of violating the human rights

The communique also called for

an end to lewish settlements in the territories, saying they were under-

mining peace prospects based on

territorial compromise.

Meanwhile, the Israeli army began

today to deploy more troops among major roads in the occupied lands to

try to reduce Palestinian stoning attacks on military patrols and on the

cars of Jewish settlers.

The redeployment had been

requested by Defence Minister Moshe Arens after visits two weeks

ago to the West Bank settlements of

Anel and Maale Adjumim, where residents complained bitterly of

Israel Radio said that no additional troops were being assig-

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of Palestinians.

Israel today rejected as "unbalan-



Egyptian Foreign Minister, Ahmed Abdol Meguid hands US President Bush a letter from Egyptian President Mubarak at the start of their meeting in the Oval Office at the White House. (Reuter wirephoto)

that leaflets had been dropped on

civilian areas around the fort

warning residents to withdraw to

safer ground. The leaflets said

authorities intended to use "all

the resources at their command"

forces and Liberation Tigers

began June 12 when the rebels

staged simultaneous attacks on

four military camps in custern Sri

Lanka, killing at least 66 soldiers.

Military officials said Sri Lanka will shortly receive six

more Italian made ground attack

nircraft to bolster the air force's

ability to bomb and strafe rebel

Fighting between government

to relieve the fort.

2,500 Tiger rebels trapped in jungle

Tamils detained

COLOMBO, June 27, (Agencies): Government security forces detained hundreds of Tamil youth today in sweeps for guerrillas who reportedly have infiltrated the capital.

Military officials also called on 2.500 Tamil Tiger rebels believed trapped in an eastern jungle to surrender or risk an intensive air

On Monday and Tuesday. government air force planes firebombed and strafed rebel positions around a strategic 200year-old fort in the northern city of Jaffna, the rebel stronghold. A rebel statement claimed hundreds of buildings had been set on fire and that civilians were killed in the raids.

trade deficit NEW DELHI, June 27, (Kuna): India has been able to reduce its massive trade deficit by almost half utilising the remittances sent by Indians working in the Gulf nations. India has been able to finance 40 per cent of its balance of trade deficit Military officials said today

through such inward remittance dur-ing the first half of 1980. The figure comes to staggering \$7.5 billion. The cummulative trade deficit that afflicted India from 1980-81 to 1986-87 comes to \$324,630 million of which 40 per cent forms

Expats help

India to cut

\$129,850 million that was off set through inward remittance. Pakistan's gain through inwards remittance in 1982-83 alone amounted to \$2.5 billion, while south Korea

gained 1.9 billion dollars.

Over one million Indians are engaged in various developmental projects in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and other Gulf nations. However, in the recent years there has not been any increase in number of Indians going to the

Gulf. Most of the Indians now are working as technicians, engineers, medical and other technical fields.

Guilty of Love

Former Philippine First Lady Imelda Marcos walks to US district court in New York yesterday as her federal trial on fraud and racketeering draws to close. The jury in the case is expected to begin deliberations today. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Having his cake

England's Paul Gascoigne eats some of the chocolate cake thrown in his face by his teammates at the team's hotel in Bologna. Gascoigne set up England's winning extra time goal against Belgium in their World Cup match June 26. (Reute

Childhood's end

India's children are old

NEW DELHI, India, June 27, (AP): Poverty, illiteracy, malnutrition and forced labour have robbed childhood from more than half of the children in India's capital, according to a recent

Unicel report. "Why should we call them children?" asked "The Invisible Child," a Unicel report issued yesterday. "These children are grown ups. These children are old."

The very notion of childhood is eroded by a hostile environment of poverty," the report said. It called on the Indian government to recognise the rights to literacy, health care, play and vocational training of New Delhi's children.

Citing statistics on child labour, health care, infant mortality and education, the report paints an ugly picture of the life of a child in Delhi's slums. It also highlights the plight of India's urban poor, often forgotten in this largely agricultural

nation of 880 million people.

More than half of New Delhi's 8 million people inhabit the shanty towns, squatters huts and slums of this sprawling metropolis. While the average per capita income in the city is about Rs7,000 (\$411), in the slums the people make onetenth that amount, the report said.

According to the report, more than 500,000 children, 80 per cent of them illiterate and many underfed, are forced to work in New Delhi.

Abut 40,000 work as labourers, 20,000 in car repair shops, 30,000 in restaurants and 30,000 as shop assistants, the report said. Tens of thousands more work in one-room factories where labour safety regulations are not enforced. Others scratch by as rag pickers, shoeshine boys, newspaper sellers and porters.

Child labour is only outlawed in India for certain hazardous jobs. Many of the children are bonded labour - latter day slaves, the report said. "The children have to put up with long working

hours, eight to 12 hours a day," the report said. They face verbal, physial and sexual abuse from most people who deal with them." The necessity of work makes going to school

impossible. The report said that a survey of parents in the slums indicated that less than 5 per cent wanted their children to stop working. They

just wanted labour conditions to improve.

Girls usually face the worst treatment, the study

said, citing long-standing beliefs that girls are less valuable and provide less income to the family

than boys. A survey of eight Delhi slums showed that girls had an infant mortality rate 2.4 times that of boys, 72 per 1,000 compared to 30 per 1,000. Girls are yanked from school faster than boys, fed less and married early, the report said.

Families are twice as apt to take their boys to the hospital than girls, the report said. Girls find themselves lighting for survival in a

world that denies them equal access to food. health care, education, employment and simple human dignity," the report said.
"I work like a machine," says Parvati, a 13-year-old girl interviewed by Unicef. Her parents

leave her at home every day to look after her three siblings — an 11-year-old brother and two sisters,

The family, economic refugees from Bihar, India's poorest state, lives in a hut near a construction site where their father was recently employed. Parvati prepares food, cares for her siblings when they get sick and helps her mother as a maid. At dinnertime, Parvati is allowed to eat only half

the food of her brother. The only thing that makes me sad is when someone beats me," she says.

The environment surrounding New Delhi's

slums is also miserable.

In many such areas, there is only one toilet for every 150 people and just one household in every 156 has access to potable water, the report said. As little as 9 per cent of the children in one slum were

immunised. Families live in wooden shacks, with plastic roofs. About 35 per cent of slum dwellers defecate in the open and 72 per cent dump their garbage on

the street, the report said. Those seeking health care are often forced to

pay even though it is supposed to be free in India. But poor families can't afford bribes demanded by For playing spaces, the children have lots next

to septic tanks, dangerous railway tracks and Delhi's Yamuna River.

An estimated 540,000 litres (104,400) gallons) of sewage, most untreated, pours into the river

at a bid \$4.84 a troy ounce, up (Continued on Page 2) Demo in Srinagar as policeman kills butcher, customer

SRINAGAR, June 27, (Agencies): A paramilitary policeman shot and killed a butcher and his customer today, touching off a demonstration against Indian security forces who are fighting Muslim separatusts in

Kashmir, witnesses and police said. A second customer was seriously injured in the shooting.
Bashir Ahmed, a hystander, said he saw the two men of the Central Reserve Police Force enter the meat

shop, apparently to buy meat. But they must have got into an argument because the next thing I saw was one of the CRPF men firing indiscriminately," said Ahmed, stan-ding near the batcher shop in the

Khanyar locality.
The bodies of the shopkeeper, 35-

year-old Ghulam Rasool Ganai, and his customer Jan Mohammad Guru, 24, were taken to their homes. Merchants in the area closed their stores. The wooden walls and the floor of the

meat shop were covered with blood. Soon after the shooting, about 1,000 residents marched to a paramilitary bunker near the meat store and squatted around it, shouting, "bring out the killers."
About 25 policemen stood inside the bunker with the guns pointing at the residents.

Four major towns of the valley -Srinagar, Baramulla, Kupwara and Anantnag - are to be declared dis-turbed areas following intensifica-

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Court moves to protect minors

WASHINGTON. June 27. (AP): People charged with child abuse are not always entitled to a face-toface confrontation with their young accusers. the Supreme Court ruled today.

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In a decision of enormous importance to childabuse prosecutions across America, the court said the constitution allows for exceptions to such potentially traumatic confrontations.

The decision will let states use some techniques to protect minors -- particularly those called to testify against their accused abusers - from a face-to-face courtroom confrontation.

More than half the states have enacted such measures already. By a 5-4 vote, the justices upheld the child-molesting conviction of a Maryland day-care centre owner even though four young children were allowed to testify out of her presence. The children testified over one-way. closed-circuit television.

But by a separate 5-4 vote, the court refused to reinstate an ldaho woman's child-abuse conviction thrown out by the state's highest court because the child did not testify. Rather, a pediatrician testiled at the trial about his interview with the twoyear-old alleged victim.

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Anti-govt rally

Members of opposition Congress (I) Party shout anti-government slogans after burning an effigy of Indian Petroleum Minister M.S. Gurudappa Swamy in New Delhi to protest against the Indian government's order to close all the gas stations on Sundays. (Reuter wirephoto)

targets. Four similar planes already are active. Sri lanka is currently spending

about 10 per cent of its budget of 65.9 billion rupees (\$1.7 billion) on defence. So far at least 1,626 combatants have died since the civil war recommenced on June 11. Fighting started after a Tamil man claimed he was manhandled by Sinhalese police. Tamil Tiger

guerrillas responded by attacking police stations in the East. The government announced today that 400,000 people have fled the fighting and that many were without food, water or shel-

In Colombo today, govern-ment officials and relief workers said the largest number of refugees came from the northeastern Trincomalee district where 90,000 Tamils, Sinhalese and Muslims were housed in 17 overflowing refugee centres. Another 80,000 fled eastern Batticaloa

district. More than 100,000 are believed to have fled their homes in the north and northwest. Tens of thousands more have abandoned their homes in villages and towns throughout the battlescarred area.

The International Committee of the Red Cross is working to transport 1,300 tons of food and medical supplies that the government will distribute to refugees in

Military officials said they believe Tamil Tiger guerrillas are moving into the south and planning attacks against Sinhalese civilians as retribution for rebel losses in the north and east.

On Wednesday police and troops cordoned off Kochchikade town, about a kilometre (half (Continued from Page 1)



wirephoto)

mile) north of Colombo's city centre, and went into homes. shops and businesses questioning young Tamils.

Residents contacted by telephone said security forces prevented people from leaving or entering the town for more than six hours.

A large number of young Tamils who were new to the area were taken away in police vehi-cles, residents said.

India tests missile

Plan to develop guided system

DELHI. June 27. (Reuter): India, pressing on with an ambitious guided-missile programme amid tensions with Pakistan, has successfully tested an anti-tank weapon, defence experts said vesterday.

But they said the Nag missile was unlikely to be ready before 1993 and could not immediately enhance India's military strength in a crucial area of warfare.

The tests, part of a plan to indigenously develop a guided-missile system by the mid-1990s. were announced at a time of strained relations between India and Pakistan over a separatist revolt in Kashmir.

The neighbouring states went to war over Kashmir in 1947 and 1965. In 1971 a third war led to the creation of Bangladesh.

An Indian Defence Ministry spokesman told Reuters the Nag anti-tank missile underwent tests over a period of several months. and its propulsion and guiding systems were operating success-

fully.
"Its induction (into the armed forces) is very much on schedule, but it requires more tests," the spokesman added. He did not give the range of the Nag or the date of the tests.

A.M. Vohra, a retired lieutenant-general, estimated Nag's range at 3,000 yards and said it would replace imported versions now in use by the Indian Army. which ranks behind only China, the Soviet Union and the United States in size.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies estimates that Pakistan's tank force is outnumbered by 1,813 to 3,250.

Pakistan has been making serious efforts to bridge the gap by improving the quality of its defence weapons, acquiring antitank and anti-aircraft systems from the West.

These weapons could play a crucial role in armoured warfare. which provided most of the decisive battles in 1965 and 1971 and gave the edge to India with its overwhelming superiority in tanks and aircraft. Western diplomats said.

They said if there were a fourth war between Indian and Pakistan it would probably he mainly fought in the plains of Sind and Rajasthan, and take place only when the weather cools around September and October from the current summer desert heat.

Indian defence sources said Nag would join the intermediaterange Agni; the short-range, surface-to-air Trishul; and mediumrange, surface-to-air Akash, and the surface-to-surface Prithvi in a formidable missile system that would cut down India's military

dependence on other countries. They are part of the \$265 million integrated guided missile development programme.

The Indian government said last year the Trishul and Prithvi were ready for induction, while the Akash and Nag would be produced from 1993.

But a Defence Ministry official said the induction of the Agni, the successful testing of

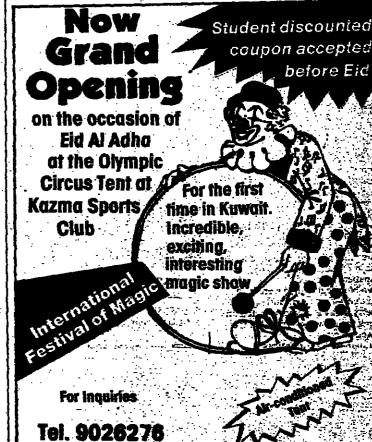
which in May, 1989, put India in an exclusive club of countries with intermediate-range missile capability, would be taken only on the basis of a political

decision. The Agni has a 2,400 km (1.500 mile) range and significanily alters the balance of strategic power in Asia, where several countries have expressed concern over India's willingness in

military in regional conflicts. In 1987 it sent 55,000 troops: backed by artillery and tanks, to fight Tamil rebels in Sri Lanka In 1988 it sent a Rapid Deployment Force to crush a coup in the Maldives.

the past three years to deploy its

Bharat Wariawalla of Delhi government-funded institute of Defence Studies and Analysis said a dangerous war hysteria was being generated over Kash-mir in India and Pakistan.







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(Continued from Page 1) tion of militants' activities in the past

one month and reports that subversives are planning attacks on security forces in a big way. The ordinance-government order,

to this effect will be issued very shor-tly by state Governor Girish Sax-

Official reports said a big batch of trained militants came from across the Pakistan border a few days back. The security forces spotted them and an encounter followed in which four militants were killed and several injured. The forces also seized huge quantity of arms and ammunition. Two civilians were killed and

ablaze in a Kashmir valley town in clashes with separatist militants. local police sources said today. Militants opened fire on the Indian forces from shops in Sopore, 60 km (40 miles) west of Srinagar, while the paramilitary troops were making house-to-house searches yesterday,

Indian security forces set 25 shops

Two civilians were shot dead and one injured in the ensuing gunbattle and paramilitary troops set the shops on fire to try to flush out the militants, the sources in the state police force said.

The shops burned for two hours Add a little health

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brigade to move in, they said. By then the buildings were gutted. A curfew was imposed on Sopore. Meanwhile, Muslim rebels waging

an independence struggle in the valley killed at least ten people yester-day, including a retired army serviceman and his wife who were hanged to death from a tree in their village, police said,

Brij Nath Kaul, 45, and his wife were hanged to death early Tuesday on the outskirts of Harmain village, 25 miles (40 km) south of Srinagar. Frightened residents left the bodies hanging on the tree for five hours until police removed them, witnesses

from the military, and his wife apparently were killed because they were suspected of being police infor-mants, police sources said. Militants in Anantnag, 30 miles (50 km) south of Srinagar, hurled a

Kaul, a Hindu who was retired

grenade at a military vehicle, killing two Indian security personnel and wounding two others, a government spokesman said. At least six other people, four of them Hindus, were slain during the

day, including Satish Kumar, who was found hanged to death in Gan-delbal village 12 miles (20 km) north of Srinagar, police sources said. Kashmiri doctors and medical

workers have accused Indian security forces of shooting to kill in their crackdown on a militant separatist revolt.



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young men likelier homicide victims than other nationalities

CHICAGO, Illinois, June 27, (APr. Young men in the United States are more than four imes as likely to be mardered than those pr 20 other industrialised countries, according

on study released yesterday.

And homicide is the leading cause of doub. death among the nation's young black

maies, the report said.
In 1987, 4,223 men aged 15 to 24 were slain the United States, or 21.9 per 100,000, rescarchers said in an article in this week's Journal of American Medical Association.

Scotland, a part of the United Kingdom, had the second highest rate; with 22 male homicide victims in that age range, or 5 per 100,000, the article said. The rate for England and Wales was 1.2 per 100,000; no figures were given for Northern Ireland,

Austria's 0.3 homicides per 100,000 young men was the lowest in the study. The study did not say how these highs and

"If the US homicide rate could be reduced to the next highest rate, more than 3,000 lives would be saved" each year, wrote Loss Fingerhut and Juel Kleinman of the

Eingerhat pointed to the availability of

guns. France was second with 54 per cent. Tom Wyld, a spokesman for the National

Rifle Association, said the organisation wouldn't comment without studying the

specialises in criminology, noted that the Swiss own guns and have almost no history of violence "But they do emphasise responsible firearm ownership much more than we do," he said.

was by firearm, according to the study.

homicides, we're still killing loads more peo-ple than any other country." Wright said.

The number of homicides in the United States in 1987 that didn't involve firearms was still more than triple the murder totals in all the other countries combined, according

Fingerbut said the research focused on men aged 15 to 24 because 20 per cent of all US homicides occurred in this age group. Among young black males, the homicide

leading cause of death among black males

aged 12 to 24 years and the third leading cause rafter motor vehicle injuries and suicide) among white males 15 through 24

Figures for the United States in the article

homicide per 100,000 of males aged 15-24. United States Sectland New Zealand S.Je

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Australia Sweden Belgium Netherlands Switzerland

During jury selection, each lawyer suggested that his client

"Some people have a tendency to act under pressure," said Mic

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Joseph, lawyer for defendant Antron McCray, 15. He said the

chological examinations of the defendants took place within the

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stick on the moun, "he said.
Furman new plans to regain his 1987 yodelling record by yodelling for 36 hours in a hor air balloon over Ontawa Ontario. (Reuter)

OSLO, Norway: A saluable lithograph by Norwegian artist Edvard Musich that was stolen from no Oslo art gallery in mid-April has been recovered by pulser, reports said Tuesday.

The pring Madassa, worth about 1.5 million kroner (\$231,000) was among four attention warks by

among four stoken works by Norwegian artists recovered at a house in Drammen, near Oslo. newspapers reported.

Two Norwegian men were held on charges of receiving stolen property, but were not suspected on stealing the artworks, reported the Norwegian news agency NTB.

Their names were not released. The Madonna and 1.7 million kroner (\$261,000) worth of other artworks were stolen from the Kunsthuset gallery just before Easter. Thieves broke down the door with a trolley track rail. (AP)

NEW YORK: Judges for the third New York International Ballet Competition awarded no gold

It is the third time the competition has failed to produce superior winners. No gold was awarded for men in 1984, and none loг women in 1987. ⁴ "The basic principle of the

competition is that the candidate for the gold should exhibit a very wellrounded dance education," said igor Youskevitch, artistic director of the competition. "When such a candidate stands

out, there are no doubts on the part of the panel. If there is no such clear cut candidate, then they can elect not to ward the gold." There were, however, excellent

demonstrations by dencers during the five-day event, which ended Monday night. (AP) TOPEKA, Kansas: Dr Karl A.

Menninger, one of the founders of modern psychiatry is being treated for abdominal caucer. Menninger, whose 97th birthday is July 22, was in fair condition

Tuesday at a hospital in Topeka. A statement issued Monday by the Menninger Psychiatric Centre, which he co-founded with his father and brother in 1925, said the cancer diagnosis was made last weekend. A course of treatment has not be determined, the statement added.

Menninger was hospitalised June 12 after complaining of abdominal pain and loss of appetite. He had been going to his office on the Menninger campus almost daily until then.

Menninger, who is chairman of the board of trustees of the Mensinger Foundation, often has been called the Father of American Psychiatry. (AP)

SAPPORO, Japan: A lanlare by British brass and the crash of Korean cymbals opened the Pacific Music Festival Tuesday, symbolising sponsors hopes of creating an annual bridge between Eastern and Western musical

traditions. Nearly 700 musicians from 23 countries, including conductors Leonard Bernstein and Michael Tilson Thomas, will rehearse and study together in Sapporo and perform about 50 concerts in Sapporo. Tokyo and Yokohama during the three-week festival,

ending July 14. It is the first international music instruction and performance festival ever held in Japan,

organisers said.

Many concerts will feature the

London Symphony Orchestra, where Bernstein serves as president and Thomas as principal conductor. The London Symphony also will play a series of 10 concerts in Tokyo, Nagoya, Kyota and Osaka July 10-22 (AP)

Cancer-electricity link under study

VANCOUVER, Bruish Columbia, June 27. (Reuter): Canadian researchers Said yesterday they will recruit 800 children to study a possible link between caracer and electricity.

The cancer control agency of Brit-ish Columbia said the children, half of them suffering from leukacmia or blood cancer, will be asked to wear a device called a Dosimetre to measure the electromagnetic fields in which

also a part of the UK.

lows compared with countries outside the

National Centre for Health Statistics in the-

guns as one possible cause of the high US

homicide rate. The researchers found that 75 per cent of the US deaths were caused by

But James Wright, a sociologist who

Only one in 14 homicides in Switzerland "And, if you subtract all the lifearm

to the study.

rate was 85.6 per 100,000, more than seven times the rate for young white males of 11.2

"In the United States, homicide is the

years of age," the researchers wrote.

were compiled from 1987 statistics. The figures for the other countries were from the vears 1987, 1986 or 1985

The countries in the study and their Norway

France England and Wales West Germany Austria

People and Places

1931 Bentley to be auctioned

Drana Barnato-Walker daughter of former Bentley Motors chairman Wolf Barnato inspects a rank 1931 Bentley four-andin-half like supercharged Lo Mans Replica Tourner June 26 at an automobile chowroom. The dar is expected to ferch up to E1 million (\$1.73m) at a Sotheby's nuclion July 2. (Router wirephoto)

for the association between

environmental tobacco smoke

and lung cancer among non-

Although only 30 per cent of

the US adult population smokes,

ble levels of cotinine, a metabolic

product of nicotine, detected in

the blood, saliva and urine of 50

per cent to 75 per cent of non-

cer deaths annually among the

nation's non-smokers, the study

said, includes approximately

1,750 females who have never

smoked, 800 males who have

never smoked and 1,250 former

of lung cancer every year, 85 per

cent as a direct result of smoking.

Smoking causes an estimated 390,000 premature deaths a year

when emphysema and car-

diovascular deaths are added to

the lung cancer total, according

The environmental agency's

report said studies also have lin-

ked eigarette smoking in the

home with increased respiratory

disorders among children, par-

problems and madequacies" and

suffers from "the lack of scien-

represented by the EPA draft risk

assessment constitute, at the very

best, speculation without an

adequate scientific sounda-

tions," the tobacco institute

"The statistical manipulations

The tobacco institute said the draft report has "technical

to government estimates.

ticularly infants.

tific support."

statement said.

About 130,000 people will die

smokers of both sexes.

The estimate of 3,800 lung can-

the study said, there are detecta-

smokers, the report said.

smokers tested.

Smoke kills non-smokers

3,800 cancer deaths

WASHINGTON, June 27, (AP): A study by the US environmental agency says, second-hand tobacco smoke is a human carcinogen, causing about 3,800 lung cancer deaths annually among the nation's non-smok-

ers.
The Environmental Protection Agency study, which is in draft form and has not been evaluated by the agency's defendeat independent science advisers, was quickly criticised by a Tobacco Industry Trade

Association. A statement from the tobacco institute said in analysis by the agency's science advisory board "is likely to significantly undermine the very basis of this draft."

The study, prepared by the agency's office of research and development, said an evaluation of studies about environmental tobacco smoke, which originates from burning cigarettes, shows that it causes cancer among nonsmokers.

This conclusion, the study said, "is hased on a total weight of evidence." The evidence includes what

the report calls "detectable association at environmental exposure levels" between cancer and non-smoking family members who live with a smoker. "With the population of

women who are lifelong non-smokers," the study said, "the excess lung cancer risk of those married to a smoker is largely enough to be observed."

Twenty-four studies from eight countries provide no other broadly applicable explanation

LONDON: The former chief

designer at French fushion bouse Christian Dior has moved to Hartnell's, London Conturier to Queen Elizabeth, the British firm

said on Tursday, Mare Bohan, 63, said he looked

forward to future royal patronage as Hartnell's artistic and design

revitalisation of a fashion house

with such a splendid history is an

nspiring challenge which I am

excitement." he told reporters.

unique in American history."

of playing a key role in the

looking forward to with

To have the unique opportunity

NEW YORK: The Broadway Theatre Industry announced a plan on Tuesday to slash ticket prices for small-budget plays by almost 50 per cent in an attempt to revive customer interest in plays that back

stars or fancy dancing. The plan allows for a top ticket orice of \$24 with some tickets going or as low as \$10. This compares with a 42.50 to 545 average for non-

musical Broadway plays
The League of American Theatres
and Producers, at a news conference, announced their plan and called on Broadway Trade Unions to take wage cuts of up to 25 per cent in exchange for a profit.

Deadly rise in tobacco use: study

CHICAGO, June 27, (Renter): Tobacco use has jumped by about 75 per cent world-wide in the past 20 years, creating a medical time bomb that will eventually kill 200 million people now under the age of 20, experts said yesterday.

rette s falling off in more developed nations, it is increasing in Africa, Latin America and Asia as tobacco companies seek new markets, the Council on Scientific Affairs of the American Medical Association said.

"Globally, increasing tenacco use is responsible for almost 2.5 million excessive or premature deaths per year — almost five per cent of all deaths," the council said.

"With regard to tobacco use in children, it has been estimated that world-wide as many as 200 million white-wise as a say, children currently younger than 20 years will subsequently die from tobacco use," it added.

The council's report was published

in this week's journal of the American Medical Association. The United States leads the world

in tobacco exports, followed by Brazil, Greece, Italy and Zimbabwe, the report said. In 1987 the United States mannfactured 689 billion cigarcties, second only to China's I.4 trillion, and US exports to Asia increased by 75 per cent in 1988

During the past two decades, the report said, use of tobacco increased by about 75 per cent globally, so that
by 1986 an estimated one billion
people smoked five trillion eignreftes.
A dramatic increase in smoking
world-wide has been fostered by US trade policies that ignore the health problems associated with tobacco, according to a report.

US trade policy is perpetuating the problem by trying to develop overseas especially in Asia — a market that is drying up at home, said the report by the medical association's conneil on scientific affairs.

TOKYO: Japanese stuntman Yoshimasa Wada plans to ski down three equatorial peaks on three continents to highlight the need for Worldwide environmental protection,

the Kyodo news service said on Wednesday. It said the "Ramikaze Skier" had his sights on Indonesia's Mount Jaya 15,030 metres, 16,502 feet), Kenya's Mount Kiriny aga (5,200 metres, 17,058 feet) and Ecuador's Moun Chimborazo (6,310 metres, 20,702

Wada, 36, from Sapporo in northern Japan, said he would make the attempts between August this year and July, 1991, Kyodo added.

Reports rejected \$10,000 reward for Zodiac's arrest

Finland

NEW YORK, June 27, (AP): The judge in the Central Park jogger case and personalities that would allow them to confess to crimes they has barred defence lawyers from introducing psychological reports on

how unintelligent and suggestible their teen-age clients are. Three youths are charged with the rape and attempted murder of a female runner on April 19, 1989. The charges are based in part on admissions they made to police after their arrests.

Two of the youths' lawyers yesterday said the reports, prepared by psychologists hired by the defence, show the teen-agers have intellects

"I felt it was important for the jury to know how my client cored on his intelligence tests, his IQ," Joseph said. Judge Thomas Galligan den-

ied the applications made yesterday on behalf of defendants McCray, Raymond Santana, 16, and Yusef Salaam, 16. He allowed the statements the youths gave to police to be used as

The teen-agers allegedly were part of a larger gang of youths who rampaged through Central Park the night of April 19 last year, randomly assaulting or try-ing to assault at least eight people they encountered. They are charged with attemp-

ted murder, rape, sexual abuse, assault, robbery and riot in connection with an attack on a woman who was jogging in the park that night, and on two men who were not as badly injured. The woman, an investment

banker who was then 28, was gang-raped, savagely beaten, and left naked and near death in a puddle of mud and blood. She survived, but suffered brain damage and "has no recollection of what happened to

her that night," assistant district attorney Elizabeth Lederer told the jury in her opening statement. The youths are being tried in an adult court, but if convicted they will be sentenced as juvenile

Three other youths are to stand trial on the same charges later this year.

offenders to up to 10 years in

Meanwhile, Mayor David Dinkins offered a \$10,000 reward yesterday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the so-called "Zodiac" gunman believed to have killed one person and wounded three others in New York City since March.



Kiko Kawashima, who on Friday marries Prince Aya, smiles to photographers June 27 as she leaves

Gakushuin University in Tokyo, where she is a post-graduate (See also Page 6)

Kennedy killer Sirhan Sirhan denied parole

SOLEDAD, California, June 27, (AP): Sirhan B. Sirhan, who shot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy to death 22 years ago, was denied parole for the 13th time.

After a hearing of more than five hours vesterday in Soledad prison, Sirhan was told his next parole hearing would be in 1992. Commissioner David Brown, one of the

parole was denied "because the prisoner com-

mitted a political assassination, which is

three Board of prison Terms members, said

Brown said another reason for the denial was that the "underlying cause of the offence and the prisoner's role in the offence remain unresolved and a longer period of time is needed to resolve this issue.

Brown did not elaborate on that comment and was not available for questions after the Sirhan, now 46, was convicted of gunning down Kennedy on June 5, 1968, in the pantry of Los Angeles' Ambaysador hotel, Kennedy,

primary, died early the next day.

Sirhan is serving a life term in prison. He was sentenced to death in 1969, but the sentence was reduced to life imprisonment in 1972 after the state Supreme Court struck

down the death penalty. The parole board had been petitioned by about 40 prominent Middle East officials and citizens. They included two Arab members of Israel's Knesset, the Mayor of Bethlehem, members of the Arab Women's Union and who had just won California's Democratic officials of Bir Zeit University.

Deliberations begin in NY racial slayin

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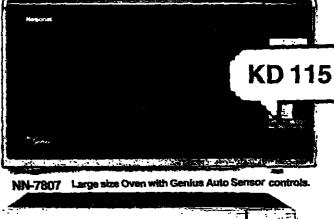
NEW YORK, June 27, (AP); Jurors deciding the fate of the third defendant in the racial slaving of a black teen-ager asked the judge how suspect John Vento could be guilty of murder if he didn't shoot

Justice Thaddeus Owens of the New York State Supreme Court told the panel Monday that to find Vento guilty of murder they had to determine he

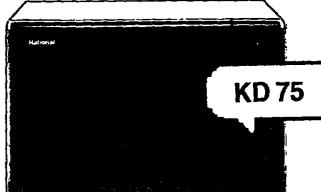
eulpability or blamability."
The 12-member panel deliberated about five one-half hours before recessing at 2300 GMT N day, and resumed its work yesterday morning. Prosecutors call Vento a prime organiser of

white mob that attacked Hawkins, 16, By continuing to participate in the attack, a after hearing Joseph Fama say he wanted to shone of the victims. Veto is as guilty of murder as





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Medellin cartel blamedfor massacre

BOGOTA, June 27, (Agencies): A top army general has blamed the Medellin cartel of cocaine traffickers for the execution-style murders of 19 people in a

Medellin tavern. General Harold Bedoya, military commander in the Medellin area, said the Saturday night massacre in the tavern 'Oporto" was the work of

cocaine-paid hitmen.
"The only certain thing is that narcotics traffickers are behind all of this." Bedoya said in remarks published yesterday in the Medellin newspaper El

National police have also been implicated in mass killings, but the targets in their underground war are cocaine hitmen, two Colombian publications also

In the attack Saturday on the Oporto rock-and-roll bar, some 15 gunmen entered the club and killed 19 people, including students, waiters and sons of prominent businessmen inside. Authorities said yesterday no

arrests had been made in the case. Medellin, 160 miles (260 km) northwest of Bogota, is the headquarters for the Medellin cartel, the most powerful and rich of the Colombian cocaine organisations. Since April, the city has been the scene of numerous mass murders and the almost daily shootings of

Medellin cartel kingpin Pablo Escobar has offered a reward of about \$4,000 to hitmen who kill policemen. More than 150 policemen have been killed in Medellin or nearby towns in the

state of Antioquia this year. In all. 2,784 people were slain in the first 175 days of this year in Medellin, an average of about 16 per day, according to the Bogota

newspaper El Tiempo. The newspaper also said yesterday that members of the national police were behind a series of murders in poor sections of Medellin that are the breeding grounds of hundreds of hitmen who serve the Medellin cartel.

In some of the latest collective massacres in the capital of Antioquia, the assassins used procedures similar to those used by the authorities." the news-

It said that a complete shakeup of the top command would be carried out, even though direct participation of the police in some of the murders had not been established.

The magazine Semana made a similar accusation against police in a recent issue.

It said gunmen were stepping out of cars in poor northeast Medellin neighbourhoods and opening fire on young men between 16 and 30 years old, the prime age for cocaine hitmen. "It was the retaliation of an eye

for an eye, with no importance given to whose eye it was," said the magazine. "Every time that a policemen is killed in the capital (Medellin), in the northeast neighbourhoods the 'cleanup' commandos arrive to collect the hill in deaths."

Cuba's communist government proposes to toughen penalties against drug-traffickers by recommending longer prison sentences and in some cases the death penalty, the head of the national assembly said yester-

Juan Escalona told reporters that a bill to amend the existing penal code would be considered later this year.

It would propose tougher penalties, in some cases the death sentence, against traffickers who used Cuban territory or waters to transship large quantities of nar-

■ Venezuelan police have broken up a cocaine trafficking ring that used merchant marine seamen to smuggle the drugs in their shorts, deputy police chief Orlando Jordan Petit announced

South Africa hails EEC's softened stance on sanctions

Community welcomes De Klerk's 'foresight and courage' in releasing Mandela, introducing major reforms

WASHINGTON, June 27, (UPI): Nelson Mandela completed his official business in the

capital with a plea for continued US sanctions against the South

African government and headed

for points south facing renewed

controversy.

Mandela was to leave Washin-

gton early today for Atlanta and travel later in the day to Miami,

where the governor and Cuban-

American mayors in the area

denounced him for his support of

Jewish groups in Florida have objected to Mandela's praise for

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion leader Yasser Arafat, and

black leaders have reacted with outrage to the criticism of the

African National Congress

In Atlanta, Mandela was to lay

a wreath at the grave of Martin Luther King Jr, which has prompted Hosea Williams, a former

associate of the slain civil rights leader, to argue that Mandela

should embrace non-violence as

Pointing to US history to

defend the use of violence in South Africa, Mandela told a

joint meeting of Congress yester-day that the "weapons of war"

are necessary to secure the

inalienable rights of blacks in his

Mandela, released Feb 11 after

27 years in prison, government, was only the third private citizen

from another country ever to

address such a session and

received a hero's welcome from

In a 35-minute speech

interrupted several times by

applause, Mandela pledged that

South Africa would become a

multi-racial democracy with a

constitution, a bill of rights,

independent courts and a multi-

He said the government would intervene in the economy to

correct inequalities created by

apartheid, but added that the

ANC "holds no ideological posi-tions which dictate that it must

adopt a policy of nationalisa-

tion" and promised to respect the

As for the United States, the

71-year-old Mandela called on it

to keep in place the economic

rights of foreign investors.

party system.

ll but a handful of members.

leader.

King did.

Cuban President Fidel Castro.

JOHANNESBURG, June 27, (Agencies): South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha said yesterday the European Economic Community had restored his country to international respectability by recognising President F.W. de Klerk's political reforms.

The 12 EEC leaders, in a summit statement issued in Dublin, welcomed the release of jailed black leader Nelson Mandela in February and De Klerk's 'foresight and courage' in introducing major reforms to the apartheid system

of racial segregation. They acknowledged that De Klerk had brought about substantial reform and promised to ease EEC sanctions on South Africa if more progress was

"What the declaration says, albeit in not so many words, is that South Africa has regained international respectability. One man has done that: F.W. de Klerk," Botha said.

He told the South African Press Association: "On the basis of informa-

tion available to me there was, with few exceptions, a consensus that President de Klerk had already crossed the thre-

shold." The EEC declaration acknowledged that South Africa was committed to creating a democratic and non-racial system, said Botha, who toured Europe with De Klerk earlier this year explaning their policies. .

Initial reaction from South African private sector business was positive.

"It looks like more of a carrot than

just the stick," said chief economist David Mohr of Old Mutual, a top financial institution. "In the past it's been

mainly just the big stick."

In a further indiction of a thaw in European attitudes, West Germany's Economic Co-operation and Development Minister, Jeurgen Warnke, arrived yesterday for the first official visit by a Bonn minister in 12 years.

Warnke held talks with Botha and

Finance Minister Barend Du Plessis and said his visit showed South Africa was gradually re-entering the world

The new secretary-general of the Commonwealth takes over on Sunday hoping to see the end of apartheid during the secretary see the secretary see the secretary secreta ing his five-year term in office.

Nigerian chief Emeka Anyaoku. appointed after an unprecedented ballot for the post last October, said that reforms in South Africa were promising but international pressure must be maintained until change was

In Pretoria, leaders of five extreme right-wing South African groups met De Klerk yesterday and demanded he call an early general election to test white support for his apartheid reform

programme.

Eight blacks, including a policeman. were killed in a series of attacks around the country, police said yesterday.

Japan and South Africa today decided to expand their diplomatic contacts, the two countries have no high level diplomatic ties.



Zambia riots

A Zambian army private stands guard over the Landrover used by President Kenneth Kaunda during the independence struggle which was destroyed by rioters on Tuesday after the food price increase. Lusaka is under a 36-hour curfew with army and police patrolling. (Reuter wirephoto) (See Page 6)

agreement on such a fund, which

the United States opposed until

In a week of working sessions

before the meeting moved to

ministerial level, delegates tried

to hammer out details for the

fund proposal. But a number of

tricky issues remain to be

resolved by the ministers, includ-

ingfinding a source for the funds.

Many developing countries insist that the richer industrialised nations help the Third

World pay the bill, estimated at

\$2 billion to 7 billion in the com-

ing years, for converting to sub-

stitutes for ozone-hostile chloro-

Developed nations, led by the

United States, want to shift their

contributions from aid funds

The ministers appear likely to

agree on a three-year down

payment of \$160 million, as sug-

gested by Tolba. Another \$80

million would be promised to

China and India, to coax them

into signing the 1987 Montreal

Protocol on protecting the ozone

Indian delegates say convert-

ing their industry to CFC sub-

stitutes in the next decade may

cost as much as \$500 million, an

amount India says it cannot

afford unaided. China estimates

a conversion cost of \$42 million.

environmental problems.

watershed.

The fund would be a milestone

flurocarbons, or CFCs.

already allocated.

two weeks ago.

UK pledge to protect ozone

Global fund likely

LONDON, June 27, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today pledged \$9 million to the world's first global environmen-

and set ourselves higher targets and shorter deadlines for reducing and eventually eliminating CFCs and halons," Mrs Thatcher said during a speech before an environmental conference that brought together government ministers and officials from nearly 100 countries.

"Even if all the chemicals which damage the ozone layer were banned tomorrow, ozone depletion would continue to get worse for more than a decade. It would still take our planet well beyond the lifetime of all of us here to replenish the ozone already lost. That is the extent of the damage we have already done," she said.

Dr Mostafa Tolba, executive director of the UN Environment Programme, said the London meeting was "establishing a new political movement to deal with the environmental crisis ... a movement rooted in respect for the value of human life, the value of nature. We are not just writing a new treaty; we are writing a new chapter in international rela-

During the three-day meeting, the officials will study proposals calling for a complete worldwide ban on a group of chemicals that threaten the planet's ozone

The conference also will discuss a proposal to create an international fund to help poor countries pay the high price for ozonefriendly technology.

Conference sources said diplomats were close to

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Hottest day on record in Phoenix

PHOENIX, June 27, (AP): Airconditioners whined. Swimming pools beckoned. But there was no getting around it - it was hot in Arizona, as well as the rest of the southwestern United States.

In Phoenix, the temperature hit 122 degrees Fahrenheit (50 degrees Celsius) yesterday, hot enough to ground airplanes. It was the hottest day on record in the hottest big city in the United

A heat wave that stretched from the southern California coast to the heart of Texas reached its sweltering peak in Phoenix, which set a record of 120 degrees (48.9 Celsius) on Monday and promptly broke it a day later.

At 2.47 pm, it was 122, and many of the airplanes at Sky Harbour international airport began cancelling takeoffs, said airport spokesman Rick Martinez.

The heat had reduced lift to the point that planes had no margin for error trying to get airborne, Martinez said. Some landings also were rerouted to other airlines, he said, but after the temperature dropped below 120 (48.8) later in the afternoon most flights resumed. The National Weather Service

advised the Metropolitan area's 2.1 million residents to stay indoors, carry plenty of water when driving and not leave pets or children inside parked cars. Weather service meteorologist

in "green diplomacy" and could serve as a model for the deals that Craig Ellis said the high temwill be needed to solve other peratures were caused by a strong high-pressure area in the upper atmosphere and the sun The ministers' work, if successful, will extend and strengthen beating almost directly down on the Montreal Protocol, already the Earth. considered an environmental

He predicted the temperature would peak Tuesday or Wednes-day before cooling off to around 113 degrees (45 Celsius). In September 1987, 56 nations

Mandela calls for continued sanctions

FBI denies death threat report



Singer Belafonte and his wife Julie (left) and the Rev. Jackson and Jackie Jackson are among the audience listening to Mandela's address to Congress June 26. (Reuter wirephoto)

president Ronald Reagan's veto until all South Africans say they can be lifted.

"We would be fools to believe that the road ahead of us is without major hurdles. Too many of our white compatriots are steeped in the ideology of racism to admit easily that change must come." Mandela said.

South Africa is a country in the grip of the apartheid crime st humanity," he said. "We have yet to arrive at the point when we can say that South Africa is set on an irreversible course leading to its transformation into a united, democratic country.

Mandela also repeated his request for aid to the ANC, but refused to give in to President Bush's demand that it renounce violence, saying it could not do so until the violence of the white South African government also

"Unhappily, our people continue to die to this day, victims of armed agents of the state who are still determined to turn their guns against the very idea of a nonracial democracy," said Man-

A US television network said on Tuesday that a death threat has been made against Mandela during his 12-day trip to the United States, but the FBI later denied the report.

Cable News Network (CNN) said there had been intelligence reports that an assassination attempt would be made against the 71-year-old black nationalist, currently in Washington on the third city of his eight-city

But a Federal Bureau of Investigation official, who asked not to be identified, said when asked about the report, "there have been no death threats communicated against Mandela."

The FBI's section on terror-ism, along with the US State Department and the US secret service, typically provide security for foreign dignitaries such as Mandela.

In Boston before arriving here, Mandela's wife, Winnie, cancelled an appearance after a bomb threat was reported. Security has been tight

throughout Mandela's visit so far, which has also included stops in New York and Boston. There was no confirmation of the CNN report made before

Mandela was to address a joint session of Congress. Last week 11 white right-wing extremists were arrested in South Africa for allegedly plotting to kill Mandela and South African President F.W. de Klerk. They

were later released. Nelson Mandela, who spent 27 years in jail for opposing his

government, will meet this week with another famous dissident, Natan Sharansky. The meeting with former Soviet prisoner will take place on

Friday in Los Angeles, a day before Mandela winds up his 10day US tour, the Anti-Defamation League announced Tues-

Sharansky was imprisoned in Soviet jails and labour camps for more than eight years on false. charges of treason, before being exchanged in a 1986 East-West prisoner swap and allowed to go

Senate rejects

flag protection

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Reuter): The US Senate yester

day rejected a constitutional

amendment to prohibit desecra-

tion of the American flag, two

weeks after a supreme court.

decision that flag burning was a

form of free speech protected by

The 58-42 vote in favour of the

amendment was seven short of

the two-thirds majority needed

to approve a constitutional

amendment. The amendment had also fallen short in a House

of Representatives vote last

the constitution.

Thursday.

amendment

sanctions imposed in 1986 over Jan '89 grand jury testimony

Barry tapes played in court

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Reuter): Washington Mayor Marion Barry told a grand jury he never got cocaine when he met with a drug dealer at a hotel, according to a tape of the grand jury session played yesterday during his drug and perjury trial.

Barry is being tried on 14 federal charges, includ-

ing three counts of felony perjury, for allegedly using cocaine and lying about it to a grand jury in January

Barry, one of the nation's leading black politicians and mayor of Washington for 12 years,

listened on headphones as his federal jury heard an audiotape of excerpts from his grand jury testimony.

Each perjury count carries a possible five-year prison term and \$250,000 in fines. If Barry is convicted of all charges, he faces up to \$1.85 million in fines

On the tape, Barry was heard denying that he received cocaine from Charles Lewis, a convicted drug dealer who has testified he smoked crack cocaine with Barry in 1986 and 1988, including once at the Ramada Inn hotel in Washington.

"Have you ever received cocaine from anyone at the Ramada" prosecutor Judith Retchin asked him,

"No ... I never had anything that made me high like I think cocaine's supposed to make you high,"

In grand jury testimony studded with "not to my knowledge" and "my best recollection," Barry men-

tioned that Lewis talked about a "working 50" butsaid he did not understand the term.

The desecration of the flag has become a major emotional issue that could play a role in tough re-election battles several Democratic senators face this

year.

Senate Republican leader Robert Dole urged passage of the amendment, alluding to the flag's colours when he said: This amendment rescues the bill of rights by correcting the

supreme court's red, white and blue blunder." US soldier convicted

of murder in Panama

FORT ORD, California, June 21. (Reuter): A 20-year-old American soldier was convicted in a court mantial yesterday of murdering a Pan-amanian civilian while he was in Panama City in January, with US.

ama City in January invasion forces.

Army private Mark McMonage of Philadelphia was convicted of murder for causing the death of Leist and the convicted of murder for causing the death of Leist and the convicted of the convict Diazde Panay, 50, who was struck by bullets in her home on Jan 25.







agreed to halve CFC by 1996. Pressure to save Amazon

Brazil criticised for taking little concrete action

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 27, (Renter): Brazil's govern-RIO DE JANEIRO, June 27, (Reuter): Brazil's govern-ment is under intense pressure to save the dwindling Amazon rain forest, but critics say that despite making several proposals it has so far taken little concrete action. "The government has done nothing," said Antonio Carlos Oliveira, a member of the Brazilian ecology group Oikos. "Environment secretary Jose Lutzenberger travels abroad and makes speeches but does not know Brazil"

Ideas proposed include limiting development to selected zones, so-called debt-for-nature swaps, and enlisting the armed forces to light the logging and burning that have already destroyed more than eight per cent of the

jungle.

Brazil's financial crisis, politics and an enormous web of bureaucracy are slowing the implementation of these

proposais.

If and when they come to fruition, these plans may not make much difference to the Amazon's fate, say critics who add that they do not go far enough in tackling the causes and would be hard to enforce.
Philip Fearnside, an ecologist at the National Institute

for Research in the Amazon says: "The government should put high taxes on land sales to discourage Land speculators raze the forest to gain title to the

property.

One concrete action taken by the government was the dynamiting of air strips used by gold prospectors in Amazon Indian territory. But even that has met with

Federal police say only 14 strips out of 110 have been blown up since early May because heavy rains have grounded planes.

Brazil has some 400 million hectares (one billion acres) of forest. Since the 1970s, migrants have colonian acres) of forest. Since the 1970s, migrants have coloniand wide areas, burning the forest to clear land for farming and ranching. Mining and logging have exacerbated the destruction

Presenting Brazil's most comprehensive survey to date of deforestation, Science and Technology Secretary Jose Goldemberg said this week that settlers laid waste to 46,000 square km (17,760 square miles) — an area bigger than Switzerland — in the 1988 constitution mandates

zoning in the Amazon — the idea being to allow farming and logging in specific areas while creating ecological reserves in other parts.

Land would also be set aside for "extractive reserves,"

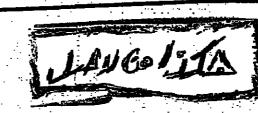
where rubber tappers and nut gatherers could operate without causing harm. "The various parts of the Amazon appear uniform but in reality the forest is a mosiac, with different areas suitable for different activities," said ecologist Orlando

President Fernando Collor de Mello has ordered a committee to come up with a zoning plan for the Amazon

A sketchy form exists already in Rondonia, the most devastated of the Amazon states, but a more detailed version was rejected by the legislature last month.

State politicians, who have to answer to their rancher and logger voters, said the plan was too restrictive.

The plan's co-ordinator, Teodorico Rocha, said the general idea would be to demarcate 40 per cent of the state for farming and 30 per cent for extractive reserves. The remaining 30 per cent would be entirely preserved.



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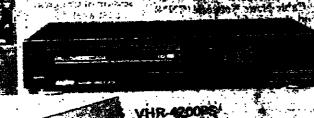
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V. Europe moves ahead plans for

DUBLIN, Iroland, June 27. (APr. Plana for political mion of accountrich West European countries have moved ahead, but it's still unclear what the final product will look like

Leading of the European Community wrapped up a two-day surround yesterday by agreeing to open a special conference on Dec 14 to sketch in the details. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is confident she had spotched grandiose plans for some

lend of foderal Europe. "I think we have won on that," she told reporters.

Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey, host of the summit, said the leaders wanted to have "a new. closer, much more integrated political relationThere will be, he said, "a much closer growing

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together politically.

Some have suggested the community should turn itself into a federal United States of Europe.

Others predict a more limited outcome. They foresee closer co-operation in foreign policy areas so the community would play a more influential role on the world stage.

The European Parliement, the community's leg-

islature, likely would be strengthened. It would have more say over the European Commission, the tradng bloc's executive body.

Thatcher has opposed any moves that would transfer national sovereignty to new community

To sharpen the debate, aides of the leaders have drawn up a list of questions that need to be answered before a political union can be formed.

The five-page document said the overall goal is to

strengthen the ability of the governments "to act in the areas of their common interests.

The paper asked whether new powers should be transferred to the community from individual

governments. It wondered how the notion of community citizenship" should be dealt with and whether new

agencies should be set up. The paper was drawn up after the leaders committed themselves at an April summit, also held in Dublin, to a political merger by late 1992.

Their decision was sparked by the political upheavals on the Eastern half of their continent. The West European nations contend they must offer stability at a time of uncertainty in Eastern Europe. The special conference on political union will run

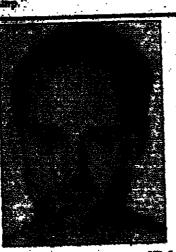
parallel to a convention, starting Dec 13, on fashion-

ng an economic and monetary union.

The conferences are needed to change the community's founding treaty of Rome and set up any new political or monetary agencies. Officials want both conferences to finish their

work and the nations to ratify any treaty changes by That is the date when the nations already are set to

create a European-wide market.



Dutch to charge IRA suspects

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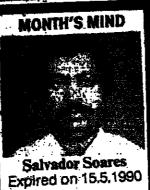


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Carlton Club blast

LONDON, June 27, (AP); The IRA claimed responsibility yesterday for bombing a fashionable club that is a bassion of the Conservative Party and warmed that no government member will be safe until Britain pulls out of

The bomb at the Carlton Club, which injured nine people on Monday, was the The bomb at the Carlton Club, which injured nine people on Monday, was the first directed at the party since the Irish Republican Army bombed the Grand Hotel in Brighton during the 1984 Conservative Party conference, killing five Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who narrowly escaped injury in the



There will be a mass for the soul of Mr Salvador Sources (Kremenco) at

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Brighton bombing and is the only woman member of the Carlton Club, toured the bombed-out building and visited two of those injured in Mon-day night's attack.

"It was dreadful, inhuman, deprayed," she said of the attack. They are trying to undermine democracy. In Northern Ireland everyone has a vote, and they voted to stay with the United Kingdom." Scotland Yard said it was studying videotapes taken by a security camera outside the club for clues to

In a statement issued in Dubbin. the Irish Republican Army said it had "struck at the heart of Tory

rule."

The Carlton Club is "the rest and recreation centre for the British government who legislate for a military occupation of the North of Ireland," the statement said.

"Like Brighton in 1984, the IRA has brought the war directly to those who keep the British army on the streets and in the fields of Ireland," it said, "While such occupation continues, and the nationalist people face daily oppression, the policy makers and their military arm will not be



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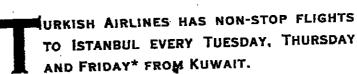


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Fang to work for progress in China

LONDON, June 27, (AP): Chinese dissident Fang Lizhi, freed by a government apparently eager to improve ties with the West, said yesterday he will continue to work for "progress and develop-ment" in China.

Fung and his wife. Li Shuxian. arrived in Britain Monday night after the Chinese government agreed to permit them to leave their refuge in the US embassy in

Beijing.
The couple had sought refuge there after the Chinese government's June 4, 1989, military crackdown on the prodemocracy movement.

As citizens of China, we hope to do whatever we can in the future to help China's continuing progress and development. Fang said in a statement issued through the Royal Society in

The statement was issued after the society cancelled tentative plans to present Fang at a news conference.

Fang's statement said he and his wife were looking forward to a few days of quiet to "rest and recuperate, and to have some medical tests."

The past year has been difficult for us, but we have received strong support from the international scientific community and friends everywhere," the statement said.

My wife and I would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to President (George) Bush, ambassador (James) Lilley, and the staff at the US embassy in

The Royal Society, Britain's oldest and most prestigious scientific organisation, invited Fung. an astrophysicist, to-Britain. He will be a senior visiting fellow at Cambridge University's Institute of Astronomy, the institute's director said.

Fang pioneered laser research in China and has also done research in cosmology, focusing on black holes.
"We understand that our son

in China soon will be able to study abroad, and we are naturally looking forward to a family reunion." Fangsaid in the

Fang and Li have two sons. Fang Ke is a student at Wayne Fang Zhe is a student at Beijing University.

Fang and Li, a physicist and also a dissident, flew to Britain late Monday night aboard a US Air Force transport jet from Beijing. They landed at Upper Heyford, a US air base 60 miles (100 kms) west of London, at 11.30 pm (2230 GMT). The official Xinhua News

Agency said they were given per-mission to leave China for medical reasons after showing "signs of repentance," US media reports said Fang recently suffered a mild heart attack and refused to undergo treatment in a Chinese hospital.

A US diplomat was quoted by Hearst News Service as saying the heart attack was the "face saver" that permitted the Chinese government to cite "humanitarian concerns" in permitting Fang and Li to leave.

The diplomat, assistant secretary of state Richard Solomon, said both the US and Chinese governments had agreed to refrain from direct reference to the heart attack, saying only that Fang needed medical treatment.

A British foreign office spokesman said the couple had been granted standard six-month tourist visas.

A key adviser to former Chinese Communist Party chief Zhao Zivang has been released from prison after an investigation of his role in the pro-democracy movement, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Bao Tong, the former private secretary to Zhao who headed a think thank on restructuring China's political system, was released from maximum security Qincheng prison last month and is now under house arrest in Beijing, the English-langugae South China Morning Post reported.

The report, quoting unnamed sources in Beijing, said authorities have yet to decide what to

do with Bao.

The State Department estimated there still are 1,000 to 2000 Chinese in prison after Beijing's crackdown last year on the pro-democracy movement.



A loreign collector in Beijing holds a winstwatch June 27 issued to troops involved in the crackdown on the democracy movement last June. The walch features a helmeted soldier, the Tiananmen gate and the inscription 'June 4. 1939, a souvenir for quelling the counter-revolutionary turmoir. Hundreds it not thousands of civilians died when troops opened lire on protesters. (Reuter wirephoto)



Yang hospitalised

President Yang Shangkun, leader of China's army, has been hospitalised and underwent surgery for acute appendicitis, a government spokesman said

News of the 83-year-old leader's illness was announced by the official Xinhua news or the 63-year-ord reader's inness was announced by the oricial kinnual news agency in a brief dispatch. The report said Yang could not attend a welcoming ceremony for a visiting dignitary because he was hospitalised Monday with "acute appendicitis." The report gave no further details.

An official spokesman from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed the report and said Yang had been operated on for appendicitis. The spokesman had no further information on Yang's current condition.

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Picture shows Yang Shangkun (right) talking to party chief Jiang Zemin. (Reuter wirepholo) Taipei holds

reforms meet

Constitutional crisis

TAIPEI, Taiwan, June 27, (AP): Politicians and academics meet tomorrow to try to defuse a con-stitutional crisis by agreeing on a more democratic system that would challenge four decades of one-party

An opposition leader predicted violence could result if the national affairs conference fails to find a way to give more power to native Taiwan-ese, who have been dominated by the ruling Nationalist Party that retreated to this island from mainland China in 1949.

President Lee Teng-Hui called for the conference in March after widespread public demonstrations demanding the scrapping of the sys-tem that has preserved the National-

ists' look on power.
"We would pay a very painful price should the conference fail to set the direction of reforms in accor-dance with public expectations, "said Chen Yung-Hsing, acting chairman of the nation's largest opposition group, the Democratic Progressive Party. He warned of violent demon-

The one-week meeting will be attended by 150 delegates, including 80 members of the ruling party and 16 representatives from the DPP. independent academics politicians account for the bulk of the

Their debate will focus on what to

ted in China by the Nationalist government two years before it lost a civil war to communists and retreated to the offshore island now

home to 20 million people.

The Nationalists have since used the constitution as the legal basis for their political power.

their political power.
Claiming to still be the legitimate government of all China, the Nationalists have not allowed native Taiwanese to vote for a majority of seats in the national legislature and the electoral college. Instead, the party froze in lawmakers elected to the Chinese mainland more than four

decades ago. The nationalist have acknowledged the need for change as the aging lawmakers from mainland China die off and the increasingly affluent native Taiwanese who account for 85 per cent of the population, demand

more political power.

The Nationalists are expected to propose changing the constitution so all members of Parliament are elected

in Taiwan. But the ruling party delegates appear divided over whether the elec-toral college should be replaced by presidential elections and whether

the strong presidency should give way to a cabinet-led government. The Democratic Progressive Party believes that just amending the constitution does not go far enough and wants to replace it with what they call a "great charter of democracy."

Burma expels thousands from tourist spot

BANGKOK, June 27, (Reuter): Burma's military authorities, who have evacuated hundreds of thousands of people from major cities, are forcing thousands more to leave Pagan, an ancient landmark and the country's most popular tourist attraction, visitors said today.

No official reason was given for the latest expulsion, which precedes the opening of the ancient city to direct tourist flights from Thailand next month. The main strip of the town has just been emp-

tied," one foreign businesswoman said. The army government, which has ruled Burma housing to slum-dwellers and vagrants.

under tough martial law since crushing street protests in 1988, has in the name of progress forced up to 500,000 people out of Rangoon and Mandalay into fields outside the city.

Others have been jailed for dissent or forced into portering arms for government forces fighting in remote insurgent areas.

Government officials have said the relocation, begun in 1985 but accelerated during army rule, would ease congestion in the cities and give good

Australia to cut 10pc of all immigrants allowed

Chinese students can stay back

SYDNEY. June 27. (AP): Chinese students fearing reprisals in their homeland will be allowed to stay in Australia at least another four years, but at the cost of 10 per cent of all immigrants allowed into the country, officials said today.

The joint announcement by Prime Minister Bob Hawke and Immigration Minister Gerry Hand followed a marathon cabinet meeting yesterday.

Unrest

may lead

of firms

MANILA, June 27, (AP): Political unrest, economic ins-

tability and government red-tape

have begun driving multinational

firms from the Philippines. and

may lead to an exodus in the next

two years' business leaders say. During the past five months, 11

multinational corporations have moved their regional headquar-

ters from Manila to other countries, such as Malaysia, Indonesia

and Thailand, whose governments

offer better incentives and a more

such major firms as Voest Alpine AG, General Electric, Mitsui

Bank Ltd., GTE Directories

Corp., Irving Trust Co., and Syn-

Of the 120 multinationals that

still maintain regional offices

here, 40 have made inquiries about

relocating to other Southeast

Asian countries, business sources

Those figures belie claims by President Corazon Aquino's

government that the country

offers a favourable climate for

Interest in relocating from the Philippines accelerated after a

failed coup attempt last December in which 113 people were killed.

The nine-day putsch took place a few weeks after Aquino toured the United States and Canada,

promising business leaders that

the armed threat to her govern-

ment had been overly dramatised

by the press and her political

Many key leaders of the failed bid remain at large and have

An Austrian executive, speak-

ing on condition of anonymity, said most multinationals have

established contingency funds in

case it becomes necessary to

Businessmen also complained about the breakdown in infras-

tructure, including electricity and

water shortages, a chaotic inter-

national airport, shoddy tele-phones, a painfully slow postal service and bureaucratic red tape.

director of Krupp Machinentechnik Gmbh, described the inef-

ficiencies as "small things that make you fed up with the whole

situation because they block our

By contrast, Hong Kong and Singapore have "well developed

tions infrastructures, besides

other amenities incorporate

operations such as minimal gover-

nment red tape, tax and travel incentives, low crime rates and

equitable treatment of local and

foreiga companies," said a report

by the Philippine Association of

Multinational Companies'

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Reuter): His memoirs

have won rave reviews, he has been interviewed on US television and his name is in newspapers from

US television and his name is in newspapers from Washington to Los Angeles.

To any other writer, this might spell success. But Liu Binyan, a leading Chinese journalist-in-exile, has already had success. Now he wants to go home. Liu knows that may be impossible.

"My readers are all back in China, so I would like to go back," Liu told Reuters in an interview in Chinese, which his wife, Zhu Hong, translated.

"But after June 4 (the day in 1989 when the communist leadership sent troops and tanks into Tianan-

munist leadership sent troops and tanks into Tianan-men Square in Beijing to crush pro-democracy demonstrations) ... I spoke very outspokenly and, of

course, the Chinese authorities were very angry at me and said that I had denounced them in the papers.

As an investigative reporter for China Youth News and People's Daily, Liu specialised in stories of government corruption and waste, including vivid

Describing the callousness of doctors, for example,

he wrote: "In our society, there are those who only

remember to carry their work certificates, their identification badges, but leave their hearts behind."

Liu's writings brought the kind of fame few journalists achieve. Millions of readers would buy a newspaper on the strength of his byline, and ultimated this actual of the strength of his byline, and

ultimately this popularity attracted dangerous atten-

prominent journalist and was particularly well-known for going after corruption and exposing it in a very unconventional way, "said Winston Lord, former US ambassador in Beijing.

"Until he lest China, he was clearly the most

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The decision will affect nearly 20,000

Chinese students who arrived here by June 20, 1989, a little more than two weeks after Beijing's bloody crackdown against a prodemocracy movement. Many of the students had expressed fears that they might be punished after they returned

According to the statement today, future human rights conditions in China will dictate whether the Chinese students can stay beyond four years or gain permanent residence.

The announcement was likely to draw widespread criticism from the political opposition, students and leaders of other

manigrant groups.

The students originally thought they would be allowed to stay permanently, without condition, after Hawke announced June 6 that a separate immigration category would be created for them. He then muddled the situation by saving they could stay temporary, but that none would be forced to go back to China:

The category announced today will; allow the Chinese to apply, beginning in August, for a special four-year residency. permit. It will allow them to work and apply to have their families join them here.
The Chinese granted permanent

residency would be part of the total punher of immigrants allowed into the coimtry, not a special, additional category.

Guilty of love to exodus

Imelda Marcos' only crime

NEW YORK, June 27. (Reuter): Imelda Marcos lawyer told a jury yesterday that her only crime was loving her husband and that her prosecution for racketeering was a politically-motivated act to save US military bases in the Philippines.

Defence lawyer Gerry Spence said in his closing statement that Mrs Marcos may have been a world class shopper but she was also "a world class human

British-made 'the royal wedding' watches are put on sale by a Japanese trading

company at 27,000 yen (\$175) each to commemorate the royal wedding. (Reuter

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Security on alert

Japan royal wedding

TOKYO, June 27. (Reuter): While Emperor Akihito's subjects line the Tokyo streets on Friday to cheer his son Prince Aya and Aya's new bride, thousands of Japanese police will be on top alert for threatened attacks by leftist radicals.

Officials at national police headquarters said today a special security com-

mand was being set up to guard against trouble as ceremonies take place to mark the nuptials of Aya, 24, and commoner bride Kiko Kawashima, 23. Police declined to say how many men were being mobilised, but the Kyodo

Other press reports said up to 24,000 police would be deployed in Tokyo and in western Japan prefectures through which the newlyweds must travel to attend

The focus of particular attention is the short period after Friday's wedding at

the Imperial Palace, when the couple are due to take a six-minute limousine ride

through the streets to their new residence nearby.

In the minds of the security chiefs will be an incident at Akihito's own

marriage in April, 1959, when a male attacker approached the carriage as it took

Several leftist groups opposed to Japan's imperial system have vowed to disrupt Aya's wedding, which takes place just five months before even more lavish ceremonies to mark Akihito's enthronement in November.

There have been a string of attacks in recent years on imperial residences and temples of the Shinto retigion, traditionally linked to the emperor, but no

Criticised as "bourgeois" and "individualistic" for committing such seemingly innocuous acts as whis-

tling when he walked up stairs, Lin was purged from the Chinese Communist Party in 1957, rehabilitated

Throughout those times — when he was sent to the countryside as a manure-carrier and to perform other

menial jobs — Liu believed in the theory of Chinese communism if not its practice.

"The Chinese Communist Party seemed to lay great stress on the human factor, emphasising the subjective as a motivating force; at least it did in its theories and slogans." Liu wrote in his autobiogra-

phy "A Higher Kind of Loyalty."
"But in reality, in China, human beings were of little importance ... the masses had become com-

pletely apathetic to public affairs, and the workers, the so-called masters of the enterprises, were totally

uninterested in their work."
He accepted a fellowship at Harvard University in

1988-89, and planned to return to China as the pro-democracy movement was blossoming in April 1989. Events at Tiananmen Square postponed his return.

Since then, Liu has spent a term at Trinity College

He continues to write in the United States and

in Connecticut and will be at Princeton University in

hopes the Chinese-language edition of his memoirs

finds its way into China even though it is sure to be

At 65, Liu plans to spend the next few months in

East Berim, with forays into other nations in the region "because we see many similarities between China and Eastern European countries."

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banned there.

22 years later, then purged again in 1987.

news agency said nearly 10,000 would be on duty in the capital alone.

the royal couple from the palace. No one was hurt.

member of the emperor's family has been injured.

Liu wants to go home

Chinese journalist-in-exile

He added. "she has committed no crime except loving a man for 35 years, raising his children, taking his lavish gifts and being his ardent supporter.

Mrs Marcos, 60, is on trial charged with helping has been appropriated by the base of the support of the suppo

her late husband, ousted Philippine leader Ferdinand Marcos, steal more than \$200 million from the Philippine treasury to buy New York property and art work. He died last September.

She is charged with racketeering for allegedly channelling the stolen funds through secret accounts in banks in Swit-rerland, Italy and France. Mrs Marcos is also accused of defrauding US banks by giving them false informa-

tion in order to obtain loans, mail fraud and obstruction of justice. Spence said that Philippine President Corazon Aquino had used US hases in the Philippines as leverage to force prosecution here. "No prosecution, no bases." Spence said, adding that Mrs Marcos had not been charged with any wrongdoing in her own country.

"There is no crime, in being weal-

thy ... spending money. Spence said.
There's no crime in buying jewellery

(and) real estate in New York.
He argued that Marcos bought the
property in the United States as an
investment for his financially-trou-

bled country.

Using high courtroom dramatics,
Spence began his argument in a
solemn tone that grew to a thus. derous voice.

Heended by telling the jury the fate of "Imelda Marcos, my beloved client, is in your hands. When I place this woman in your hands, the law does not want you to compromise. You don't deal with justice like a used

Spence began paging through stacks of documents introduced as

evidence by the government and said that none were signed by Mrs Marcos. Where do you find a single word in this case that Mrs Marcos knew any of the details of who owned what and how they were acquired."

assistant US lawyer Charles Labella that the money spent on the property "must have been dirty" and that Mrs Marcos must have known "were merely the prosecutor's fantasies." "You don't convict people on must have's," he said Spence said that even if Ferdinand

Marcos conducted illegal transac-tions "he was telling people specifically not to tell her (Imelda). Even if it was dirty, she wasn't told."

No peace, no Corps

WASHINGTON, June 27, (AP): The Peace Corps is moving its 261 volunteers in the Philippines to safety in Manila because of reports that communist rebels plan to attack volunteers. US officials said yester-

day.
"The safety and security of our volunteers is always our number one concern," Peace Corps director Paul Coverdell said in a statement issued by the agency's headquarters here. "I wish to assure relatives and friends of the volunteers that the volunteers are safe and emphasize

that we are taking these steps only as a precautionary measure, "he said. Coverdell said most of the volunteers were already in Manila and the

rest would arrive within a day.
Nicholas Platt, the US ambas sador to the Philippines, issued the evacuation order last weekend but delayed a public announcement for

security reasons, said embassy spok-esman Stanley Schrager. He said no decision had been made on when the 261 volunteers will return to their posts in rural areas.

The decision to recall Peace Corps volunteers, many of whom are stationed in remote, poorly protec-ted areas, follows heightened concern by US authorities over security

in the turbulent country.

Last week, the Philippine military said rebels planned to kidnap and murder foreigners, especially

Americans, over the next six months.
Last month, the US government
authorised "imminent danger pay"
for diplomats, troops and other
federal employees because of com-

The embassy recently warned Americans to be on alert for terrorism in the Philippines before US and Philippine officials resume talks in August on the future of the six US military bases, whose lease expires in Sept 1991.

Gas poisoning kills four miners BAGUIO. Philippines, June 27, (AP): Four gold miners died of

gas poisoning inside a 330-metre (1,000-foot) deep mine shaft near this mountain resort city, police said today.
Police Maj. John Bulsio said

the accident took place Monday inside Camp Four, a private, small-scale gold mining company in Tuba Town, just west of



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Lusaka

LUSAKA, June 27. (AP): Police said today they arrested more than 550 people in two days of rioting over food prices that left at least 15 people dead.

Military helicopters flew low

over the capital as sporadic tille and machine gun fire thoughout the night continued into this

morning. Rioting had also reportedly broken out late yesterday in the mineral rich copperbelt province in central Zambia.

Police spokesman Andrew Kaitisha said the arrests in Lusaka were aimed at finding "ringleaders" among the thousands of protesters who rampaged through most districts of the capital on Monday and Tuesday. The rioters looted stores, burned flags and chanted

anti-government slogans.
They were arrested for screening and are being interviewed by a special police team to find out who the agitators are." Kaitisha told the Associated

Some of those held could. expect an early release, he said. Kaitishi said the dusk to dawn curfew in Lusaka will be revi-

ewed tomorrow. Late yesterday, state radio and television announced the clostife of all schools, businesses, gover-

nment offices and stores today. and said the curfew would be maintained throughout the day. Today, Kaitishi said that a full 36-hour curfew had not been

Conflicting curfew announcements came from police and army officials early today, but many residents were venturing onto the streets.

There were no immediate details of the extent of unrest on the corperbelt but reports saiddemonstrators clashed with security forces at the mining town of Kitwe, 360 kilometres (225 miles) north of Lusaka

On Tuesday, doctors in Lusaka said at least 15 people died and 190 were wounded in two days of food riots sparked by a doubling of the price of Zambia's staple food, corn meals Most of the victims were hit by

police and army gunfire in the worst civil nurest in the history of this southern African nation of 7.5 million people.

The increase in the price of corn meal from 114.50 to 269 kwacha (\$2.79 to \$6.56) was announced June 19 as part of an economic reform programme that included reducing state sub-

The unrest took on a further political dimension as demon-stratorss, mostly from Lusaling most impoverished townships and shanties, demanded the ous ter of President Kenneth Kaunda and an end to nearly twee

decades of socialist style one party rule Residents of the Lusaka suburb of Chilenju said rioters smashed their way into a home there once occupied by Kaunda. who was school teacher and lay. preacher before he led his nation to independence from British

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Soviet congress may be put off

Plenum to meet on Friday

MOSCOW, June 27. (Agencies): The Central Committee today said reformers had made mistakes, but there were indications leaders wanted to put off a key party congress until Mikhail Gorbachev's position is holstered.

The congress, considered the 19-million-member party's highest organ, had been scheduled months ago for next Monday. But reports surfaced this week that it might be put off.

Radical reformer Boris Yeltsin and yesterday he fas oured postponing the congress until autumn, to give time for the political situation to be stabilised.

A National Party official who spoke on condition of anonymity said today that a plenum was planned Friday at which the 249 members of the Central Committee would disease putting off the Congress.

Russian Federation President Sons Trellem speaks at a press conference in

insists on state

Talks with Gorbachev

He later told a news con-

ference the Soviet Union wants

Lithuania to negotiate as a union

republic wanting secession while

he was insisting that Lithuania

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Landsbergis told reporters that Moscow's nearly three-

month cutoff of all oil and 85 per

cent of natural gas supplies had

cost Lithuania's economy hun-

He said eight industrial plants

partly affected. He gave no

unemployment figures, but in the

past Lithuania has mentioned 40,000 out of work because of the

Landsbergis, a former music professor and father of Lithuan-

ia's independence movement,

said the next step was to adopt

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Gorbachev but insisted it need

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Landsbergis

VILNIUS, June 27, (UPI): Lith-

uanian President Vytautas Lan-

dsbergis said after taks with

Soviet President Mikhail Gorba-

chev that any negotiations with

the Kremlin must deal with "res-

Landsbergis was received yes-

terday by Gorbachev at the Soviet President's invitation in

an attempt to break a 3-1-2-

month stalemate over Lithuan-

ia's declaration of independence

that Gorbachev wants frozen

It was the first direct one-on-

one meeting between the two

men since Lithuania's

parliament declared the republic

sovereign in a bold move to

regain the independence lost

when the Soviet Union annexed

it in 1940. The other Baltic

republics -- Latvia and Estonia

tions, though not as bold as Lith-

have passed similar declara-

Landsbergis returned to Vil-

nius immediately after the meet-

ing and told the Lithuanian

parliament that the republic will

aim for full statehood once

negotiations commence - an

apparent setback for Gorba-

chev's hopes to keep Lithuania in

a new Soviet federation.

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blockade on the republic.

toration of Lithuania as a state."

A party spokesman Alexander Lebedev, told Reuters today it was "95 per cent certain" a plenary session of the party's policy-setting central committee would gather then to discuss the issue.

Lebedev said party ideological chief Vadim Medvedev, who according to reliable sources earlier this week sounded out leaders of communist parties in the Soviet republics, would give a news conference later today.

A postponement could prevent Communist Party hardiners from capitalising on their successes last week at a meeting of party members from the Russian Federation, the largest Soviet republic. Il conservatives dominate the congress, it could split the party and undermine Gorbachev, who has said he wants to remain head of both the party and the Soviet govern-

The 2,700 party members at the Russian Federation meeting will be a majority among the 4,700-delegate national congress. Last week, Ivan Polozkov, an outspoken opponent of the current reforms, won election as first secretary of the communist party of the Russian Federation with the votes of nearly 1,400 of the delegates.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding the congress, the Central Committee today published a "programme statement" that the congress will be asked to

The programme, spread across almost two pages of the Communist Party daily Pravda, takes a repentant tone. It admits many of the party's recent reforms were not well thoughtout or simply mistaken.

But it maintains that the country's main problem lay in the past distortion of socialism, not the ideology itself.

The programme backs many of Gorbachev's reforms, including the transition to a market economy and the party's rejection of political monopoly.

Yelişin said yesterday responsibility for his protection was being taken out of the hands of the KGB and a special unit was being set up to guard him. The Warsaw Pact failed to

keep pace with reforms in Eastern Europe but will continue to exist as long as it meets the needs of its members, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze was quoted yesterday as saying.

A Soviet spokesman yesterday denied reports that the government had removed nuclear weapons from the secessionist Baltic republics.

A high-ranking Soviet naval officer said yesterday the Soviet Union was reducing and at the same time modernising its navy by retiring or scrapping old warships and commissioning more sophisticated models.



Soviet ideologist Vadim Medvedev.

From 1993

Paris to ban tobacco ad PARIS, June 27, (AP): By a vote of 315 to 149 today, the national assembly approved a bill that will

ban all tobacco advertising and most liquor advertising starting The law, which takes effect Jan

1, 1993, forbids all direct or indirect advertising for tobacco products, including sponsor-ships of sports and cultural events. It sharply restricts adver-tising for alcoholic beverges.

All 270 assembly members of the governing Socialist Party backed the bill, as did 45 independents and centrists. The two main centre-right parties adopted different tactics - most members of the Union for French Democracy voted against the bill, while most members of the rally for the republic Politicians bid Dec 9 or 16 as dates for balloting

Bonn unveils proposals to unify

BONN. June 27, (AP) While West German officials are outlining sug-gestions for political unitication, East German citizens are searching for food and supplies in the socialed state's final, staggering days before economic union with West Ger-

East German merchants were shutting stores and clearing shelves to make room for the deluge of Western goods expected after the two states merge their economies on Sun-

Suggestions for what a political treaty unifying East and West would look like were released yesterday by the West German Interior Ministry in the form of a "discussion paper The proposals would be contingent upon the result of the talks bet-

seen the two Germanys and the four World War II allies on German unification. Under the proposals, East Germany would officially join West Germany the day after elections for a

many the day after elections for a joint German parliament. West and East German politicians have proposed Dec 9 or Dec 16 as possible dates for the halloting.

West German Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said he espected the East German cabinet to decide today to begin negotiations on

decide today to begin negotiations on the political treaty. He added that the pact should be ready for debate in both parliaments by early Septem-Last week, the parliaments of both countries ratified the treaty outlining the monetary, economic and social on that is to take effect July 1. On

that day, the West German mark officially replaces the nearly worth-

less East German mark and 40 years of ngid, vocalist economic policy give way to free-market rules. Lines of up to 1,000 people have been snaking down sidewalks in East Berlin as people coverge on banks to fill out paperwork necessary for coverting savings accounts to West German marks. Depending on one's **Sidelights**

Hectic last days: Merchants shut stores and cleared shelves this week to make room for a deluge of western goods, forcing East Ger-ments to forage for food and other necessures during the nation's heetic last days as a socialist

Officials disagreed over who was to blame for widespread shortness.

"There's no wap here, no meat," said lines
Kroll, a 25-year-old mother of two as she
pushed her shopping cart past depleted shelves
in the only store in Blankenburg, a small town widespread shortages.

Many stures selling household goods closed

to clear space for the western products that will nour into the country after Sunday, when the Germanys merge their economies

Some merchants said they also wanted to
avoid taking in large amounts of East German
marks in the days before the nearly worthless
currency is replaced by the valuable West Ger-

Faperts say many East German companies are keeping their products off the market until text week, when they can sell them for West German marks.

Compromise on Germany: Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said in an interview published on Wednesday that the Soviet Union was prepared to compromise on the future status of Germany.

He told the East German Communist Party



West German Chancellor He'mut Kohl (left) and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich (centre) talks with Chancellory Minister Rudolf Seiters (Reuter wirephoto)

important because of the unstable

situation in the Soviet Union.

The Germans have credited Soviet

newspaper Neues Deutschland a Soviet document on the future international status of Germany was "not the absolute, ultimate

"It is a draft and we are prepared for compromises and variations. Shevardnadze said. The future status of a united Germany has

become one of the major outstanding disputes between East and West since the collapse of

be a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato).

The Soviet draft, rejected by the three West

tern World War Two powers and by West Germany in talks last Friday, calls for a five-year transition period during which West Ger-many would stay in Nato and East Germany in

the Warsaw Pact. It also calls for a phased withdrawal of Allied

troops within three years of German unity and

for limits on a future German army (Reuter) Western powers have said Germany should

age, accounts up to 6,000 marks (\$3,000) can be converted at the most Lavourable rate of one West German mark for each East German mark. In an attempt to protect its ailing industries from the first rush of Wes-

tern competition, East Germany announced yesterday a series of tanils on Western goods beginning

Sunday.

An 11-per cent tariff is to be imposed through the end of the year. replaced the following quarter by a 6-

per cent taniff.
Food will not be affected, although East Germany's huge farm collectives are expected to be battered by Western agricultural producers.

would remain if the current quick pace of unification continued and the nations fully unify in December. West German Finance Minister Theo Waigel, in East Berlin yester-

President Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms with the tide of events that have made possible the long-sought goal of German unification. But they fear what could happen in Eastern Europe if Gorbachev should collapse It was uncertain whether the tariffs

in the squeeze between Moscow hardiners upset with his reforms and progressives who think he is moving too slowly. day, said quick unification was

We need to go through the door to unification because it can close shut again." Wangel said.
The Soviets, along with the United
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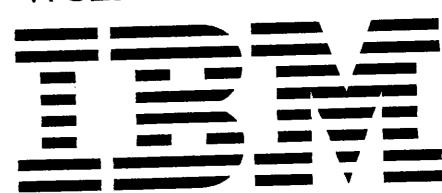
figure heavily in talks on the inter-

national ramifications of German

unification. Still to be resolved are the military posture of a united Germany and the disposition of the 380,000 Soviet troops on East German soil.



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The subject of any negotiations should be very clear - that "Moscow has not exhausted is, the restoration of Lithuania as its possibilities for compromise," a state." Landsbergis told the he told Lithuanian radio. legislature. RPR and UDF form alliance PARIS. June 27. (AP): France's two main political opposition groups decided vesterday to form an alliance and present a single presidential candidate in 1995. The agreement between the conservative Rally for the Republic Party and the The agreement Democracy, a centre-right coalition, will avoid "fratricidal Union for French Democracy, a centre-right coalition, will avoid "fratricidal Union for French Democracy, a centre-right coalition, will avoid "fratricidal Union for France, will choose battles" in the 1995 election, said RPR's leader, former Premier Jance, will choose a presidential candidate through a series of American-style primaries culminating in a national convention.

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Chirac and former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, head of the UDF, said the confederation would exclude any alhances with the extreme-right National Front or the governing Socialist Party.

"Each movement will retain its personality" within the confederation, Chirac



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Liberia troops disperse march

MONROVIA, June 27, (AP): Soldiers fired in the air and beat demonstrators with rifle butts today to disperse a march by thousands of people demanding that President Samuel Doe resign to end a six-month-old civil war.

Witnesses said that troops had shot at the protesters, but those reports could not be immediately confirmed.

There were no immediate word on casualties.

Reporters who sought shelter in a shantytown near the Barclay Training centre barracks where the shooting started heard numerous commands to cease fire. But the commands were followed by bursts of gunfire from M-16 rifles and screams from protesters and other civilians try-

ing to flee.

A US embassy official said several injuries from gunfire were confirmed but no deaths immediately could be confirmed after the incident, which hap-pened around 1000 GMT.

After the troops opened fire, soldiers went on a shooting spree in the streets of Monrovia, firing submachine guns wildly to disperse demonstrators, said the embassy official.

By early afternoon the situation appeared to be calming down as citizens began to creep onto the streets to try and find their way home.

"They were shooting in the air at random with AK-47's, Uzi's and M-16's." said the US embassy official. "If you were out on the streets you just ran for your life."

At one point military police tried to stop the rampaging troops but the MP's were ignored by the soldiers, witnesses said.

Some witnesses, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they saw several of the demonstrators fall after the troops began firing. Some of the protesters apparently fell into open drains during the stampede.
Other witnesses said they saw

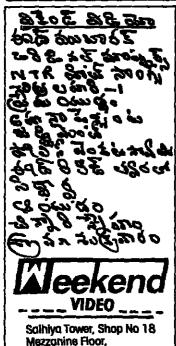
soldiers beating marchers at the front of the procession with rifle butts while dispersing the

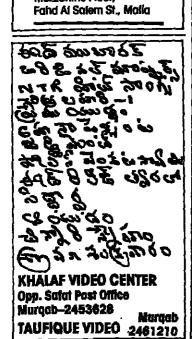
The march, the second in as many days, was organised by the Democracy and Peace, which includes members of student unions, trade unions and civic organisations. Thousands turned out for the protest.

Rebels who have captured most of the country since they began fighting in December are demanding Doe's resignation. Protesters have taken up that rallying cry, hoping such a move

would end the fighting.
The sounds of gunshots could be heard all over Monrovia more than an hour after the incident, including the plush Mamba Point suburb where the US and other embassies are located.

Yesterday's march, headed by Christian and Muslim leaders, was the first demonstration in Monrovia calling for the resigna-





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World News Roundup

America

Abortion bill: The Louisiana Senate approved a bill that prohibits abortion even in

cases of rape and incest.

The bill, passed Tuesday by the State House of Representatives last week, would send doctors convicted of performing abortions to prison for 10 years of hard labour. It would be the toughest state abortion law in the country.

The house will get the bill again, possibly as early as Wednesday, to vote on amendments the

senate added to clarify that abortion would be allowed to save the life of the mother.
Then it would head to Gov. Buddy Roemer, who has promised to veto the bill in its present

Test-tube tiger: The world's first test-tube tiger cub pounced and growled during her National Zoo debut Tuesday before settling

New crossing

East German workers dismantle the wall in

Serlin's Kreuzberg district to build new crossing point. With the beginning of the currency union on July 1 more than hundred streets from East to

West Berlin once divided by the wall will be connected again. (Reuter wirephoto)

Soviet Congress

A Soviet worker repairs the pavement in front of

Lenin's mausoleum on the Red Square yester-day. As the Soviet Communist Party heads into

its 28th and possibly last Congress. (Reuter

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US gunmen hold

up armoured car

\$10m stolen

ROCHESTER, New York, June 27,

(AP): Gunmen have stolen more than

\$10 million in one of the largest

armoured car robberies in US history,

"It certainly was planned — no ques-tion about that — and was obviously rather successful," local sheriff Andrew

P. Meloni said of the robbery that

occurred yesterday morning when two

armoured car employees stopped for

The thieves escaped with \$10.8

million, law enforcement authorities

told the Rochester Times-Union news-

paper. Meloni said he could not con-

firm the amount.

The theft could be the second largest

The Federal Bureau of Investiga-

tion's public affairs office in Washing-

ton, D.C., said its records indicate the

largest theft from an armoured car in

US history was \$11 million taken in

1982 from a sentry armoured Car

Courier Co. office in the New York

city. In 1983, \$7 million was stolen from

a Wells Fargo armoured car office in

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Hartford, Connecticut.

authorities said.

down with a big bottle of milk.

The 20-pound (9-kg) bouncing Bengal tiger is one of a litter of three cubs produced by in vitro fertilization in an effort to save endangered tiger

Mary Alice, the only surviving cub, was born by Caesarean section April 27.

"This is a marvellous step forward for all those cats on the verge of extinction," said

Michael Robinson, director of the National Zoo. "In 20 years of our lifetime, we have lost three subspecies of tigers." (AP)

Protecting rare owl: At least 1,000 loggers will lose their jobs in order to protect the rare northern spotted owl as the federal government cuts back on timber harvests in the owl's habitat, according to a plan announced Tues-

An earlier proposal by government scientists to protect the owls would have put an estimated 27,000 loggers out of work.

The plan announced Tuesday, the latest move in a controversy that his pitted environmentalists against loggers, stops short of beinga comprehensive plan for saving an estimated 6,000 owls and retaining as many logging jobs as possible. (AP)

Chency to visit Spain: US Defence Secretary Dick Chency will visit Spain, Greece, Turkey and Portugal during a two-week trip to Nato's southern flank beginning on Sunday, the Defence Department said on Tuesday. Chency also plans a brief stop in Norway next

week during the trip, defence officials said. Defence Department spokesman Pete Williams told reporters a schedule would be released later in the week. But defence officials said privately that Cheney planned to leave on Saturday and arrive in Spain on Sunday on the first leg. (Reuter)

Dimitrios to visit US: Orthodox Patriarch Dimitrios I of Constantinople, who is ratracta Dinitrios 1 of Constantinopie, who is to arrive in Washington next week as part of a first-ever such US tour by an ecumenical patriarch, hopes to mend fences with the various Orthodox denominations, according to senior church leaders.

Among other activities in the 25-day US visit will be a meeting with President Bush and a major ecumenical prayer service at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, church spokesmen

Although there are disagreements and old rivairies among the several Orthodox Christian religious traditions - Russian, Greek and Turkish, primarily - disputes will be downplayed during Dimitrios' trip, church elders told the Washington Times. (Kuna)

Asia

'Fire Boy' bares all: For Li Jinyu, who spent his first 24 years in the nude, getting

dressed to go to town was a big occasion.

Li, a peasant in southwest China's Sichuan province, refused to wear clothes until a local doctor last year coaxed him out of his lifelong bout of "clothesphobia," the official China daily

Li. nicknamed 'Fire Boy' by local villagers for his ability to endure the coldest weather, was illiterate but not ignorant and led a normal life except for his lack of clothing, the newspaper

It showed a picture of a naked Li playing Chinese chess while a peasant in a heavy coat and fur hat looks on. At two months, Li cried hysterically when his

go to school because he resisted all attempts to clothe him. (AP)

Trans-Atlantic crossing: An Australian designed and built "Sea Cat" wave-piercing catamaran named Great Britain Hoverspeed has broken the trans-Atlantic Ocean crossing speed record previously held by the luxury liner the USS United States.

The previous record for the crossing from the USA to Britain, a distance of 3,200 miles, was under three days, ten hours, and forty minutes. The "Sea Cat" was designed and developed by International Catamarans of Hobart, Australia, and built in Australia.

China executes 14: China executed 14 drug traffickers in the southwestern city of Kunming yesterday after parading them before 40,000 people at a rally against narcotics.

State television showed film of the handcuf-fed men standing in a stadium in the capital of Yunnan province as their sentences were read

It named one of them as Yang Zhengmao, but gave no further details. All were taken elsewhere for execution, often carried out with a bullet in the back of the head. (Reuter)

Sino-Soviet talks: China and the Soviet Union ended a first round of talks yesterday to reduce military forces and strengthen trust along the Sino-Soviet border, the official New

China News Agency (NCNA) said.
The two sides discussed implementation of an accord on demilitarisation reached during a visit to Moscow by Chinese Premier Li Peng in April.

The only agreement reached during the negotiations, which began on June 15, was to hold further talks in Moscow some time this

autumn, according to Soviet embassy sources, (Reuter)

A child surveys the basilica of Our Lady of Peace in the Ivory Coast's capital Yamoussoukro. Pope John Paul II will visit Ivory Coast in September to consecrate the basilica built and donated to the Holy See by President Felix Houphoet Bolgny. (Reuter wirephoto)

Pope John visit



Catalogue of stolen art: In a major effort to crack down on art thefts, France, for the first time, yesterday published a detailed catalogue of art works stolen from its museums. Among the findings: most recent thefts were from museum storage rooms, not exhibit halls, and were probably inside jobs.

Five hundred copies of the catalogue are being distributed to police, museum and customs officials, art dealers, auctioneers and experts, said Andre Trees of the Interior Minic-

experts, said Andre Treps of the Interior Minis-

try.
The catalogue, which lists 200 works stolen between 1979 and 1989, is published jointly by the Department of National Museums and the Interior Ministry in a new effort to track down stolen art and crack down on resale. (AP)

auction house pulled a painting attributed to Vincent Van Gogb out of a sale yesterday after the Amsterdam museum devoted to the artist

a path, titled "The Steps at Auvers" ("L'Escalier a Auvers"), had been expected to bring £2 million to 3 million (\$3.5 to 5.2 million) in the Tuesday night sale of Impressionist and modern

WWF seeks ban extension: The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) called yesterday for an extension to the year 2000 of a ban on commercial whaling to help depleted

poses. (Reuter)

UK-Irish talks: British Northern Ireland

The aim of the meeting was to iron out any lingering doubts about the role of Dublin in Brooke's imminent bid to force a new political dialogue in the trouble-bound province of Nor-

thern Ireland, UK sources said.

They pointed out that Brooke initially wants to promote new cross-party discussions in Northern Ireland, involving different political parties and religious convictions. (Kuna)

Queen for Canada: Queen Elizabeth II left Iceland for Canada, where she will view regiments that give her allegiance and attend a cermony to mark Canada Day.

Buckingham Palace said the British monarch would soon depart from Reykjavik, where she has been since Monday on the first leg of her

In Iceland, the Queen has attended various functions arranged by the government and laid a wreath at a Commonwealth war cemetary. She also visited hot springs and a horse stud

Abortion for promotion: Career women in the UK are having more abortions than ever before to prevent their promotion prospects being marred by babies, it was renor-

More terminations for women aged 25 to 35 are the main cause of the rise, the report pointed

and Albert Slouser, is in France on an official visit, at the invitation of the French forces, it was reported today by the press service of the

falls within the accord on exchanges between the French and Soviet forces signed at the beginning of July 1989, during President Mikhail Gorbachev's state-visit to France. (Kuna)

Priceless painting recovered: Police yesterday recovered a priceless 18th century painting stolen from a Venice church in a night

burglary last week.

The painting by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, considered the last of the great Venetian artists, was found in a flat near the church of San Stacon the Grand Canal from which it was taken last Thursday night. The canvas had been cut from

Police detained a 30-year-old man and char-ged him with theft. They said that thieves had crept along rooftops, forced open an iron grat-ing and lowered themselves to the floor down a

French nuclear bomb: France

A terse statement said: The yield was less than 100 kilotonnes. One kilotonne is equivalent to 1,000 tons of TNT. The device was detonated at 1800 GMT.

The train was heading from Alessandria in northern Italy to Rome when the accident occurred Tuesday afternoon. The train derailed as it entered the Orbetello station. (AP)



Van Gogh's fake work: Sotheby's

warned it could be a fake.

The roughly worked little picture of a house with a red roof between trees and two figures on

populations to recover.

"If the moratorium is lifted it could be catas-

"If the moratorium is lifted it could be catastrophic. We could be 'regulating' certain populations into extinction," said Elizabeth Kemf, the WWF delegate to the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

WWF said in a statement that 13,650 whales have been killed since the IWC placed a ban on commercial whaling in 1986.

Japan continued commercial whaling under a technical objection to IWC provisions unfil 1988, and along with Iceland and Norway it has continued killing whales for 'scientific' purposes. (Reuter)

Secretary Peter Brooke was having unexpected talks in Dublin today with Irish Foreign Minister Gerry Collins, it was announced.

The trend was revealed in record abortion figures of 504 each day in England and Wales.

Teenage abortions fell slightly to under 40,000 last year, which still represents 108 abortions each day. (Kuna)

Soviet paratroopers in France: An eight-man team of Soviet paratroopers, led by group captains and generals Vladislav Atchalov

army (Sirpa).

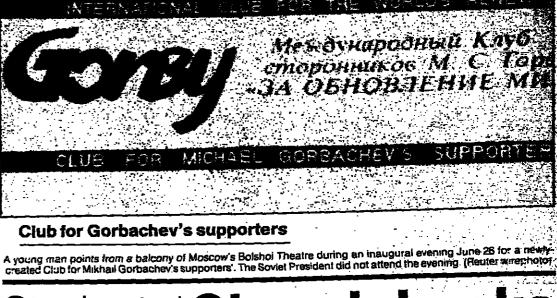
During their stay in France, which started ou Monday, the Soviet team will visit several paratroopers' bases in different cities, notably. Toulouse, Pau and Tarbes, Sirpa said. The four-day visit of the Soviet paratroopers

10 metre (33 foot) rope. (Reuter)

exploded a nuclear bomb yesterday at an under-ground atomic test site in the Pacific Ocean, the Defence Ministry said.

Tuesday's explosion, beneath Fangataula Atoll in the Mururoa Atoll test site, was the second since the new information policy was

Train derails in Italy: A train derailed yesterday in central Italy near a posh sesside resort, railway police said. Thirty passengers were reported injured.



SOFIA, June 27, (AP): Authorities warned yesterday they may use force to end student protests spreading across Bulgaria.

The students are protesting alleged election violations and

start

strike

hunger

demanding changes in the media. In Sofia, 21 university teachers, journalists and students' parents went on a bunger strike to back the demands of students who want a probe of alleged fraud in this month's free elections. The socialists, the former Bulgarian Communist Party, won the elections.

removal of the head of state television and a probe into comments allegedly made by President Petar Mladenov urging the use of tanks against anti-government, demonstrators on Dec 14. The Sofia hunger strikers lined

The students also seek the

up outside the downtown national assembly, or parliament, which meets July 10 for the first time since the elections

Meanwhile, studentss at Sofia's Kliment Ohridski University, who have been joined by students at many other Bulgarian universities, continued a sit-in protest they began two weeks ago.

A statement issued by the Interior Ministry indicated authorities may order police to end the protests.

The strikes are "essentially a political action" and are disrupting learning and exams at univer-

sities, it said. Security forces are ready to restore order if instructed to do so by the state prosecutor's office, it

The students have received suoport from the leadership of the opposition Union of Democratic Forces, which clinched 144 of 400 parilamentary seats in elections earlier this month.

Tens of thousands attended as opposition rally in support of the students late on Monday in downtown Solia, which emerged in the elections as a UDF stronghold. "The opposition supports the ...

spontaneous protest of the students against the government over the election abuses," Dimiter Ludzhev, a UDF leader, was quoted as saying by the state news agency BTA.

Addressing the rally, Ludzbev blamed the government for remaining silent and for refusing to meet the students halfway. The opposition initally spoke of

massive manipulations of the elections June 10 and 17, but then accepted the results. The students say they want the truth about alleged irregularities.

They also reiterated calls for

the resignation of Pavel Pisarev, director of state television, who is accused of incomplete and biased reporting.
Mladenov has denied student

charges that he urged the use of tanks against demonstrators. Most of the 16 parties in the UDF, entire research institutes and many intellectuals have voiced support for the students, BTA said. In Sofia, 70,000 sig-natures have been collected to

Students | Shamir backs German unity

Pledge to tone down EEC OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Economic Community criticism June 27. (AP): The presidents of; of the Jewish state. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak the West and East German,

Shainir "gaye us an uncon-ditional yes to reunification," RhaSilessmuth, 53, of West Ga-many, told reporters at the end of a three-day visit to Israel with her parliaments said today they won Israeli assurances that the Jewish state will not place obstacles on the road to German unity The understanding appeared to include a promise that a united East Germany counterpart, Germany will back Israel in its conflict with the Palestinians and

Sabine Bergmann-Pohl, 43. Shamir spokesman Avi Pazner said the prime minister "does not oppose reunification." Shamir also told the visitors he



use its considerable influence to

tone down growing European

Dr Sabine Bergmann-Pohl

European Economic Community to adopt a more understand-ing attitude toward Israel, Paz-nguaid, 5,7 cm. The two presidents indicated that they were ready to meet the

expected a united Germany to

influence other members of the

trip, they reiterated the importance of Israel's right to exist in secure borders but did not mention Palestinian demands for self-determination. They had no meetings with Palestinians.

Jerusalem not dangerous

Life unpleasant

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 27, (AP): Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollel assured his German visitors today that Jerusalem was undivided and that the assured his German visitors today that Jerusaich was individed and that the Palestinian uprising had made life in the city "unpleasant, but not dangerous."

But when the guests — the presidents of the West and East German parliaments and their entourage—later walked through Jerusaich's Old City, they weren't allowed to cross the invisible line that divides the Jewish and Arab

"The Israelis probably thought it was too dangerous for us to set foot in the Arab side," said one West German official, who insisted on anonymity.

Israeli security concerns became clear when the group, which included 19 high school students, reached the edge of the Old City's Jewish quarter. When some of the German youths wandered toward the adjoining Muslim quarter, jured by the colourful bazaar, they were gently ushered back toward the

A policeman turned away two Arab women who were headed toward the Jewish quarter, saying: "This is not the time to be here." During the walk through the Jewish quarter no uniformed police were visible, but when the delegation approached the Muslim quarter, two armed riot policemen came running for added protection.

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Widespread torture and killings in post-coup Sudan reported Since the June 30, 1989, military coup that ousted Prime Minister Sadiq Al militant Muslim fundamentalists detera hundred civilian non-combatants were

LONDON, June 27, (UPI): Human rights have deteriorated under Sudan's military government, which tortures and kills political foes in secret detention centers and organizes "disappearances" in the northeast African country, Amnesty

A second report released by Africa Watch, another human rights group, also claimed an escalation of state-backed It said the government "is controlled by

mined to create, at any price, their own version of an Islamic state in Sudan."

Amnesty said during the past six months more than 60 prisoners have been tortured

ected opponents of the regime" were in jail.

in Khartoum in secret interrogation centres controlled by the government agency, 'security of the revolution." More than 200 prisoners of conscience are in detention without charge or trial, it said. Africa Watch said about 1,500 "susp-

Mahdi, "hundreds of political opponents have been detained and many others have been executed or extrajudicially killed," Amnesty said. Amnesty reported summary executions

and killings committed by government forces and armed civilian militias in southern Sudan which began before the coup, continue under the military rule. "In October and November, more than

deliberately killed by pro-government militia in areas of armed conflict," the London-based organization said. It reported 42 people of southern origin "disappeared" after their arrest in Khartoum last October.

Amnesty said 28 officers charged with plotting to overthrow the government were executed in April this year after "unfair trials." without full legal representation and with no option to appeal.

back their demands.

Influx drop may reflect change

change in Soviet policy that had been threatened by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, an Israeli immigration official said

Boaz Shviger, a spokesman for the quasi-governmental Jewish agency, which assists in settling immigrants, said the rate of immigrant arrivals stopped growing in

"At this point I wouldn't say it is

(Somet) policy," he said in a telephone interview. "It is still too early to decide. However, I would be careful not to rule it

A Jeusch agency official who requested anonymics said immegrants travelling through Venna this month had complained that anofficial Soviet government orders were delaying exit visas.

In a news conference in the United States on June 3, Gorbachev said the Secret Union "is being hombarded by a lot of criticism" from Arab states over some of the Soviet immigrants settling in the occupied West Bank.

Gorbachev added that if Israel does not reconsider its policy, "we must give further thought to it in terms with what we can do with issuing permits for exit."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has tried to reassure the Soviet Union by saying that Israel does not direct immigrants to the territories. On the other hand, he said Israel cannot block them

has a right to settle wherever he wishes," Shannr told Israel radio vesterday. Arab states and local Palestinians say

they fear settling Soviet immigrants on war-won land could force out Palestinians and undermine their efforts for an

1DA Ben Shitrit, spokeswoman for the government's Absorption Ministry, said that 8.405 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel during the first 26 days of June. At that rate. June's total will be about 9,700, down

from moving where they want. "Everybody in a democratic country Iran relief experts brace for dangers

Outbreak of disease, hard winter major problems

MANJIL, Iran, June 27, (AP): Relief workers helping Iranians recover from a massive earthquake are trying to gird against the next dangers a possible outbreak of disease, and winds that roar through the region.

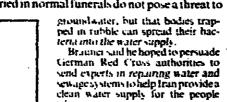
There are two great problems now, especially for Manjid," said Christian Brauner, a disaster specialist with the German Red Cross. The first, he said, is the danger of disease being carried into the ground water with rains falling on bodies trapped in rubble.

The second is the cold and hard winter, when winds reach 50 knots (93 kms per hour) through this town in a pass in the Alborz mountains.

We have only four to five months to build some new homes,

Many earthquake survivors will be moved out temporarily so reconstruction can be sped along, and Sadredine Sadr, director of international affairs at the Iranian Red Crewent Society, the Islamic

Kingsley Seevaratnam, an official of the Geneva-based League of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, said franian authorities also want to depopulate the region quickly to avoid possible epidemics. Brauner said bodies buried in normal funerals do not pose a threat to



Manilisata place in the mountains of northwestern fram where weather is often extreme. Hot winds from the Saudi Arabian

desert scream through from the southwest in summer, and icy blasts from the Siberian Steppes how! past Iranian authorities are already dis-cussing how to rebuild the dwellings and other buildings, but Brauner said

he believes there is too little time to finish the job before winter sets in. "I am trying to organise very big (shipping) containers with good insulation," he said, adding that he hoped to get West Germany to con-

imbute the shelters Tents now being given out for temporary housing will be inadequate when winter comes, Brauner said. They will be torn to ribbons," he

The US government is willing to send a second planeload of relief supplies to earthquake victims and is waiting to hear what is needed.

officials said yesterday. Meanwhile, a group of framan expatriates plan to fly to Tehran on Saturday. Among them are doctors, nurses and engineers.

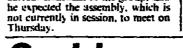
"As soon as we hear from them, we will help," an official said.
At the State Department, spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said that the United States "is interested in helping in a very tragic situation....
Politics don't enter into it."

Iran has thanked Western nations for helping out but warned them that old sores are still festering.
With virtually no hope left that rescuers will find survivors still alive

rescuers will find survivors still anver in devastated villages, radical leaders spoke out against the United States, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and British author Salman Rushdie. Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said relations with France would be "more promising than in the past" because of France's contribution to beloing after last Thurs-

day's carthquake. The Asian group of states called yesterday for a brief resumed session of the General Assembly to discuss emergency aid to Iran after last

week's devastating earthquake. A spokesman for Pakistan. current chairman of the group, said





Foreman's tomb

The discovery of the force of an ancient lower-class Egyptian has excited archaeologists whose includes of the period is largely restricted to Pharaohs and enstocrats

The 4,600-year-old tomolorobiably belonged to a foreman who helped build one of the gyramids. Zan inflowed director of the Giza archaeological area, told

He said diccura shed new light on the lives of ordinary people, some of them astonishingly skilled attisums about whom little is known.

The luxur-ous tinds inside most Egyptian tombs reveal only the lifestyle of the

tiny ruling class
The foreman's fome inear one of the pyramids, was found by chance. Tourists

nding came's steal, were away a sand dune until the limestone and mud-brick structure paked above the surface two months ago.

Its ceiling is laufted if is a very unique architectural style of the old kingdom, Hawas said (Reuter wirephoto)

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Arab ministers to meet: A high-ranking Palestinian official said today that Arab foreign ministers will hold their extraordinary summit to discuss Washington's decision of suspending its dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, after Eid Al Adha.

Head of the information department at the PLO and member of the

PLO executive committee Yasser Abd Rabbou said that the date of the meeting had not been set yet and is still under study by some Arab countries. (Kuna)

Algerian union reformers protest: Algeria's trade union federation opened a general congress yesterday with a reformist minority denouncing an old guard leadership so far insulated from the country's move towards democracy.

More than 200 trade umonists demonstrated outside the domed hall and distributed leaflets. "It's a set-up job. It's controlled by the leadership close to the ruling

party, the National Liberation Front. That's why I'm boycotting it, even though I've been elected as a delegate. Hassan Mahroug from near Algiers told Reuters, (Reuter)

Italian volunteers: The Italian peace association has opened registration for the Italians who want to take part in voluntary work in e occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in support of Palestinian people and their intifacts.

The work camps will be held in July and August, where the volunteers will help the Palestinian people in constructing kindergartens and health clinics in several cities and villages of the occupied territories, in coordination with the Palestinian national work committees. (Kuna)

Hunt for naked soldiers: Israeli military police are searching for a group of soldiers spotted cavorting naked on the roof of a house in the occupied West Bank village of Abu Dis, outraging Arab residents. "They went about completely naked, we tried to talk to them but they cursed and shouted," a local shopkeeper said. "They started washing in

the cisterns; we stopped drinking the water."

An unnamed army officer told Israel television that residents had photographed the naked soldiers on the roof,,, which had been commandeered as a look out post. (Reuter)

Libya accuses U.S., Israel: Libya's official news agency yester-day accused the United States and Israel of trying to gain control of valuable water resources in the Middle East.

Jana quoted Lihyan leader Moammar Khaddafi as saying recently

that "America is plotting for the Arab region and the Zionist (Israel) will expand in the hism of the River Jordan and will impose war inevitably...

This means that Jordan and the Arabs are forced to enter in a war for ... water," said the dispatch, monitored in Rome. (AP)

Saddam warns of Israeli raid



NICOSIA, June 27. (AP): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein today reiterated that Israel would eventually invade Arab countries, the fraqi Saddam called upon Arabs to adopt a unified stand against Israel's "expansionist mission," the agency said in a dispatch monitored in

He said Israel's expansionist plans had "become clear." "Israel has reached a point where it has to continue so as to achieve its slogan (of an Israel stretching) from the Nile to the Euphrates',

He spoke at a symposium commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Michel Aflaq, founder of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist

It was the latest in a series of Iraqi and other Arab warnings that israel would attack Arab countries. In the past weeks and months Israel

has repeatedly denied that it intends to launch such an attack. The Iraqi President said earlier this year that if Israel attacked his country's military installations, he would retaliate with sophisticated

binary chemical weapons. Saddam has accused Israel and Western countries of whipping up

anti-Iraqi hysteria over his weapons development programme.

Reform rabbis call for electoral change in Israel to curb power of minority groups

SEATTLE, June 27, (AP): Reform rabbis have called for a new system of electoral government in Israel that would prevent minority parties from paralysing policy."

It was the first time the central conference of American rabbis has criticised Israel's electoral system, said Rabbi Elliot Stevens, conference administrative secretary.

"The current system of proportional representation gives disproportionate power to minority groups, many of which are anti-Zionist or diasporacontrolled," a conference resolution said yesterday.

Diaspora Jews are those living outside of Israel. It blamed the system for "governmental paralysis for the last five years despite pressing political and economic challenges."

"It has given a tremendous amount of power to the right," said Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of

The conference represented about 1,550 rabbis world-wide who serve 1.6 million reform Jews. about 1.5 million of whom are American. The reform movement is the most liberal and largest of

Judaism's three main branches.

On Monday the conference voted to support openly gay and lesbian rabbis while reaffirming heterosexuality as the sexual orientation that must be chosen where choice is possible. The movement is the largest Jewish or Christian religious group to support homosexual clergy.

About 500 rabbis are attending a four-day annual convention that ends today. About 140 voted in vesterday's session.

concern about any policy Israel may follow and

Israel-bashing," said Rabbi Samuel Karff of Houston, president of the conference.

The resolution, which replaced a much briefer mention, called on Israel's major parties, Labour and Likud, to move toward electoral reform.

"We are hearing all kinds of criticism of Israeland now we are called on for a few words of good will ... for God's sake let's not go all the way in puling out support for Israel as we've been doing this afternoon," pleaded Joseph Glaser, conference executive vice president. He failed to save a clause praising Israel's judicial system.

Threat to kill

Muslim - 2 Mindamentalists threatened to kill the American director of the largest private relief group working with refugees from the war in Afghan-

istan, officials said yesterday. The death threat against Thomas Yates, director of the International Rescue Commit-tee, was made in a letter delivered Sunday to the World Food Programme, said the officials, who insisted they not be identified hy name, nationality or

The letter, made available to the Associated Press, was written in fluent English and addressed "to whom it may concern." It warned Western aid groups were being watched and said Yates would be killed to prove the claim; noting the car he drove, the clothes he wore and places he often went.

We know your secrets and your locations, said the letter, signed by the International Jihad

Organisation.
The group has been linked with Hezbi-Islami, the most anti-West of the seven resistance groups based in Pakistan. Spokesmen for Hezb-i-Islami said the attacks were justified, but denied

The officials said Yates and his family had left Peshawar, the frontier town that has served as the staging arens for the mujahedeen who have been trying for 12 years to overthrow the Soviet-backed government of Afghanis-

The US-based International Rescue Committee opened its Peshawar operations in 1980 and has sponsored educational, agricultural and health care programmes in the border camps where nearly 4 million Alghans have taken refuseduring the war.

Attacks against private Western relief groups have increased since late Appil, and many agencies have threatened to shut down their operations unless the

government ignarantees their safety.

In a related development, the
Australian based Shelter Now
International said yesterday it was indefinitely suspending its operation pending a final

decision by the board of direc-Shelter New has been the target of repeated fundamentalist attacks in both Pakistan and

Afghanistan. The decision to freeze its operation was prompted by the June 16 attempted murder of its director, American Thor Armstrong,
Although we may never know the motive behind this attack; we are convinced this was

not just a coincidence but a serious sign of the escalating danger to both expatriates and Alghans, the selease said. This is not an easy decision

but circumstances leave us no choice," it said. When the Soviet Union with-

drew its soldiers from Afghanistan in February 1989 after nine years of military involvement, Western backers of the rebel government-in-exile predicted it would replace the communiststyle government in Kabul.

But the majahedeen have

failed to achieve a significant military victory, and the governnent-in exile has degenerated inla a chaotic collection of bickering warlords, diplomats and analysts say.
As Washington and Moscow

move closer to a political set-tlement of the war, diplomatic sources say, many Afghans have launched an anti-West campaign to counter what they see as a US attempt to sideline the fundamentalists.

White a regularity that over-whelms the unloading crews, trains are trundling grain to Afghanistan in the first UN operations based in the Soviet Soviet officials stunned an

international meeting in 1988 by offering 400 million roubles (about \$640 million) for a UN programme withing Soviet borders to supply food and relief materials to northern Afghanistan.

The programme has been fraught with difficulties, UN and Soviet officials admit. But they call it a success and a good start toward Moscow's involvement in humanitarian aid elsewhere. "You saw the summit

agreement on Ethiopia?" prom-pted National Skripka, a Foreign Manitary expert in Moscow, Expressing endusiasm for the new Saviet role in United Nations and international relief. Presidents Mikhail Gorbacher and George Bush agreed on four efforts to help starving Eth-ippinas with American food carried by Swirt transport.

German ailed for Libyan C-plant

MANNHEIM, West Germany, June 27, (AP): A state court today convicted a West German industrialist of helping build a poison gas factory in Libya and sentenced him to five years in

Juergen Hippenstiel-Immdescribed prosecutors as a "merchant of death," was found guilty of tax evasion and violating export laws in connection with his ties to a plant at the Libyan city of Rabia, south of Tripoli.

Libya has said that the plant at Rabta was intended for producing pharmaceuticals, but US and West German officials have said it was built to manufacture

Chief Judge Juergen Henniger said evidence showed the plant was "clearly intended for the agents," including mustard gas and other poison gases. Henniger said that Hippen-

steil-Immhausen also was aware of the plant's purpose even before he signed the contract in 1984 to build it for Libyan leader Col Muammar Khaddafi. A West German television net-

work said yesterday that Libya is planning to build a second poison gas plant with the help of two West Ger-man companies and a firm in the Netherlands.
The ARD TV network, citing US and West German intelligence sour-ces, said Libya intends to build the

by a German company, Hippenstiel-Immhausen, for the first plant, The television report said two West German companies, Rose and Abacus, are suspected of having ties

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to the second plant. **Egypt counsels** peace as Israel

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ned to the territories but that units were being redeployed.

The radio also said that Brig. Gen. Amnon Strasnov, the army's chief legal officer, had been asked to determine if what new legal steps could be taken against stone-throwers.

Also today, the Hebrew daily Yediot Ahronot reported that US Ambassador William Brown had delivered a letter to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on the US suspension last week of its dialogue with the

PLO officials in Sweden despite a government ban against contacts with the organisation, sources said A spokesman for the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM) said a four-member Israeli delegation and

Israeli peace activists will meet

Palestinian leaders from the occupied territories left for Sweden this morning at the invitation of the University of Uppsala.
Parliamentarian Dedi Zucker, head of the Israeli delegation told army oracio before leaving. "One of the paration that the paration to the paratic parati the cases in which meetings are per-

mitted is within the framework of an international academic gathering it is completely legal.

The PLO welcomed today condemnation of Israel by European Economic Community (EEC) leaders and said Washington should punish Israel for human rights

abuses by suspending aid.

Bassam Abu Shanf, political adviser to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, said, the position taken at the Dublin (summit) meeting is a serious and responsible position towards the daugerous developments in the Mid-

"We see it in a qualitative leap in dle East. the right direction and a message to the countries of the world that they should act to bring an end to the sufferings of the Palestinian people."

World Cup cools off

A homeless in revan poy walks past a tent camp set up near the Kelishum village in Iran. (Reuter wirephoto)

Violence in Beirut

BEIRUT, June 27, (UPI): On the devastated line that divides Beirut, four militiamen put their rifles uside, plugged a small coloured television set to the battery of their tank and sat

to watch the World Socrer Cup games. These militiamen, like most of the Lebanese, have always found a certain charm in the World Cup that grants them a break from the daily

violence "It seems as if the World Cup is the only magical power that subdues violence in Lebanon," said a militia official who requested anonymity. "when the games start, there is no

time for lighting." Civilians too, know very well that when the World Cup games start they would enjoy a hill.
"I feel relieved when the World Cup starts. I know I don't have to worry about my family. The gunnien will be too busy to shell or to fight," said Leila, 38, a housewife in Muslim

west Beirut. During the World Cup 86, there were major confrontations in Beirut and tens of people were being killed or wounded every day. But when the time of the game approached, heavy guns and small guns, all fell silent.

This year the atmosphere is more relaxed. A fierce battle that erupted five months ago in Christian east Beirut has recently turned into scatterred skirmishes after the rivals agreed on The general calm has hightened the World

Cup lever among the militiamen and the

civilians. All tend to forget about wars only to

indulge themselves in a different kind of com-

While rival militiamen stop directing gunfire at each other, they would open fire into the skies in jubilation when their favourite team wins or

Gunnen as well as civilians have decorated their shell-pocked apartment houses in both parts of the capital with flags of Brazil, West Germany and Italy - the favourite world teams among Lebanese.

"This is not strange of Lebanese," said Hassan, 45, a journalist, "soccer has always been the most reputed game in Lebanon. Its fans still boast that the Lebanese team beat one of the strongest Soviet teams before the beginning of the civil war in 1975" at the national stadium in southern Beirut that was demolished by Israeli

Every four years, the World Cup succeeds in shuffling alliances between the Lebanese who

are divided along sectarian lines. Often Muslim and Christian gunmen in both sectors of Beirut forget their rivalries and support the same team. "When West Germany beat Holland two

Civilians are not less enthusiastic than militiamen. Most of the residents of Beirut keep their electric generators roaring until the carly hours of the morning to watch late games transmitted directly from Italy.

days ago, rival militiamen in the opposite sides of Beirut's demarcation line, fired their machineguns - not against each other - in the air to celebrate," stud Hassan.

"We want to carefully distinguish between our

Kuwaiti imports from GCC states valued at KD18.5m

Exports amount to KD7.8m

THE value of Kuwaiti exports to GCC countries during the month of May 1990 amounted to about KD7.8 million while imports from these countries during the same period amounted to about KD18.5, according to a statistical bulletin issued by the customs department.

The bulletin added that the Kuwaiti exports consists of agricultural and livestock products in addition to industrial output and natural resources. During the

Saudi-Iran rift

reconciliation

ABU DHABI, June 27, (Reuter):

Saudi Arabia and Iran were con-

tinuing to meet and could agree

to end their two-year break in

relations next year, Oman's Min-

ister of state for Foreign Affairs

countries have achieved tangible

results, but not about every-

thing," Youssef Bin Alawi

Abdullah was quoted by the United Arab Emirates News-

"But next year, at the latest, the picture will be different," he

Riyadh cut ties with Tehran in

1988 following an anti-Western

riot in Makkah in 1987 when 400

people, mainly Iranian pilgrims, were killed in clashes with Saudi

Saudi Arabia, long at odds with Iran over its fundamentalist

Islamic policies, is sending 40 C-130 transport planes loaded with

earthquake relief aid to Tehran.

after sending a rare message on

Saturday to Iranian President

Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani

expressing condolences for the

Oman has played a major role in mediating between the two

sides, and in efforts to reach a

final peace between former

belligerents Iran and Iraq, which agreed a ceasefire in 1988.

several times, said that Iran and Iraq had narrowed their differen-

Alawi, who has visited Iran

Last month, Rafsanjani said

he looked forward to better ties

with Saudi Arabia, and also said

he welcomed Iraqi peace moves.

Bahrain paper

BAHRAIN, June 27, (Reuter):

A Bahraini paper yesterday sup-

ported a call by a Saudi Arabian Prince for Arab economic sanc-

tions against the United States if

it did not reverse a decision to

suspend talks with PLO.
"We support Prince Turki Bin
Abdul Aziz Al Saud's bold call

and we urge (Arabs) to draw

plans to boycott America and implement them," the daily, Akhbar Al-Khaleej, said in an

Prince Turki, a brother of

Saudi Monarch King Fahd, said in Orlando, Florida, on June 24

that his country would impose

economic sanctions if Washing-

ton did not resume talks with the

tion does not hurry up and correct this, I would call on Arab

nations to do something like

The paper said an Arab

boycott against Washington

would be a natural response as

long as it remained biased

ordered the suspension of talks

with the Palestine Liberation

Organisation after it failed to

condemn a foiled Palestinian

seaborne attack on Israel on

Medicine market

PARTICIPANTS at the third

Arab Union for Medicines and

Medical Requirements Man-

ufacturers Symposium called for

the establishment of a joint Arab

medicine market and increase the

rate of manufactured medicine in

Arab markets from 34 to 60 per

During the final session of the

symposium participants urged

Arab countries to declare the

holding of a joint medicine market as soon as possible. They also called upon Arab

health ministers to implement decisions issued by their council meetings regarding the registration of medicines in addition to issuing necessary directives for this purpose in order to facilitate

a better flow of medicine through

out the Arab world.

Representatives

cent before the end of 2000.

US President George Bush

toward Israel.

"If the American administra-

urges Arab

sanctions

against US

King Fahd ordered the airlift

paper Al-Khaleej as saying.

told the newspaper.

security forces.

quake victims.

"Contacts between the two

Alawi

expects

next year

same period Kuwait's imports from Saudi Arabia amounted to about KD8 million in addition to about KD7.4 million worth of goods from United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Transit trade

Meanwhile, the bulletin showed that Kuwaiti exports to UAE and Bahrain amounted KD1.9 million and KD711,296 respectively. It added that Kuwait's imports from Bahrain had amounted to

Hajji visits Al Seyassah

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DIRECTOR General Traffic Department, Brig Abdul

Hameed Al Hajji visited Dar Al Seyassah on Tuesday

where he was received by the editor-in-chief of Arab

Times/Seyassah, Ahmed Al Jarallah, the deputy editor-in-chief Sulaiman Al Jarallah and the Arab

Times managing editor Mishal Al Jarallah. Brig Hajji

was accompanied by director of the public relations

at the traffic department, Lt Col Mustafa Juma and

head of the press section at the department, Maj

During the meeting Brig Hajji hailed the efforts

Premier receives: HH the Crown

Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al

Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday received Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Nasser

Mohammad Al Ahmed who asked permission to leave the country and Abdul Rahman Ibra-

Minister received the governor of Farwaniya Sheikh Ahmed Al Hmoud Al Jaber. (Kuna)

Duaij appointed: Minister of State for

Municipal Alfairs Fahd Al Hasawi has appointed Abdul Rahman Al Duaij as chief engineer

Duaij, who held the post of deputy chief

Chairman of

engineer since 1984, joined Kuwait Mun-

Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture

Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim

Duaij Al Sabah received at his office today the

Ambassador of Yugoslavia Federal Socialist Republic to Kuwait Dr Hassan Darwish.

Yugoslavian envoy dealt with bilateral rela-tions between Kuwait and Yugoslavia in the

The talks between Sheikh Ibrahim and the

During the meeting the envoy extended an

invitation to Kuwait to take part in the agricul-

tural fair scheduled to take place in Yugoslavia.

Sheikh Ibrahim thanked the ambassador for

the invitation and praised the level of the Yugoslavian Agricultural Fair which occupies

a distinguished position among the agricultural affairs concerned throughout the world.

Subsidy allocation: Money

allocated during the month of May, 1990 to

subsidise consumer goods included in the

Later on, HH the Crown Prince and Prime

him Al Houti.

at the municipality.

icipality in 1971. (Kuna)

Envoy received:

about KD1.6 million, which represented goods of Bahraini origin, in addition to about KD 888,330 goods of foreign origin.

During the same period Kuwait imported from Qatar some consumer goods estimated at KD I million while Kuwaiti exports to this country during the same period amounted to about KD530,000.

For Oman, Kuwaiti exports during the said period amounted to about about 33,000 tons with KD320,000 while Omani exports to about KD 7.8 millions.

exerted by Dar Al Seyassah publications at various

security and traffic levels. Hajji stressed that future

plans at the traffic department are mainly directed at

reducing traffic accidents, ensuring traffic flow and

others. Hajji also presented memorial shields and

certificates of appreciation to Ahmed Al Jarallah,

Sulaiman Al Jarallah and a number of editors

Sulaiman Jarallah and (below) Hajji presenting a certificate of appreciation to Ahmed Al Jarallah.

ration card amounted to KD1.168.854 accord-

ing to statistical report issued recently by the supply department of the Ministry of Com-

merce and Industry. The report also added that

the ministry had issued about 702 new ration

It further said that about 4.25 tons of gold were stamped during the same month in addi-

tion to about 31 kilogrammes of silver and 73

About 93 commercial infringements were

Meanwhile, statistics said that the ministry

had given the necessary licences for arranging a

draw to be conducted by several companies in

addition to about 13 permissions to hold sales.

GCC aviation meeting: The implementation committee for GCC Civil

Aviation College concluded its 24th meeting

yesterday evening. The meeting was attended

by representatives from the four member states

The Dean of the Civil Aviation College

Omran Issa said that the committee has studied

a number of issues connected with college

activities and work during the past period in

He added that the committee has reached a

number of decisions aimed at developing the

college. Some decisions included appointing

the college administration to conduct a

feasibility study on admission to students from

non-member states into the college and organ-

ising training courses for non-professional

The meeting also included an exchange of opinions on the project of training pilots in addition to discussing a number of technical

cards covering 3703 persons.

reported during the same month.

Qatar, UAE, Oman and Bahrain.

addition to its future plans.

and administrative matters.

sets of gems.

Picture (above) shows Hajji with Ahmed and

Kuwait amounted to about KD224,000. On the other hand another statistica bulletin on the transit movement between Kuwait and the other GCC countries clarified that the volume of this kind of trade amounted to about 191,794 tons with the total value of about KDI8.3 million, while, the transit trade from Kuwait to the member states amounted to about 33,000 tons with a total value of

Oman declares itself free

MUSCAT, June 27, (AP): Oman declared itself free of polio yesterday, two years after an out-

break that crippled 100 children.
"We have been clear more than a year, there has not been

Prof M.S. El Bualy, directoreneral of curative services at the

'A programme of more

US scientists from the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia were called in to investigate the situation in the summer of 1988 after the sudden outbreak of polio cases in young children in remote villages in the

The office of the World Health

start polio dosing at birth, offer a booster dose to all children under five in the country, and call in investigators from Atlanta."

He said that the Atlanta team studies showed that a virus from outside the country was respon-

paralysed as a result because their antibody levels were low,"

paradox" because at that time Oman's child immunisation campaign had covered more than 80 per cent of all children. We can only believe that in the

them waiting to be infected,"he Medical teams were still mon-

Bualy added. Following the Atlanta team's report, vaccination frequency had been increased, he said. In addition to doses at birth, and at three, five and seven months old, immunisation was advised at six

Polio

one reported case of polio since the control of the outbreak,"

Ministry of Health told the Associated Press.

frequent immunisation and intensive surveillance appears to have contained the disease," he

northern interior.

Organisation's eastern Mediterranean region was also altered as military and police medical services assessed the extent of the outbreak.

"We were particularly distur-bed to find children under three months were infected," El Bualy

"Immediate action was to

sible for the outbreak. "One hundred children were

El Bualy referred to a

few that were missed, a pool of susceptibles was created, all of

itoring the stricken villages closely under new nation-wide surveillance procedures ins-tigated since the outbreak, El

Licence lending a lucrative enterprise

Nationals prefer fixed incomes

THE concept of renting com-mercial licences originated with dependence upon commercial expatriates" initiatives to manage comercial enterprises during the past few

With the obvious success of the business acumen of expatriates in the post-boom of the oil era, the two-way benefits accruing to Kuwaiti commercial licence holders and expatriate lessors, this method of renting out commercial licences has become "an acceptable and lucrative enterprise in itself."

Merchants indicated that a specific group of citizens have become highly dependent on ren-ting commercial licences as it forms an additional source of income. They said that most individuals in this group belong to the limited income group.

Conversely, a section of mer-chants said that essentially licence owners are prone to risks in the eventuality that the lessor violates any sections of the commercial law. A group of mer-chants pointed out that licence owners should thoroughly scrutinise any documents they sign with the licence users to avoid malpractices.

Another set of merchants said that most licence owners do not have the experience needed to enter any form of trade and consequently prefer to rent their licences. They added that such a "modus-operandi" will not have any side effects if proper restrictions are instituted to safeguard interests of both parties involved.

Problems

Merchants spoke about the United Arab Emirates system which permits all individuals to practice any commercial activity with some conditions and restrictions. They said that applying the same system in Kuwait will

create many problems in the local market. This will encourage expatriates to enter professions which Kuwaitis cannot engage in, due to the lack of experience. Consequently, this will have negative effect on the government's concern to bringing about an equation in the population imbalance.

They pointed out that the rise in the number of educated nationals has automatically led to lesser number of rented licences. Many Kuwaiti youths are now capable of managing their own commercial businesses without the assistance of expatriates. This trend should be encouraged by the government and in this context, the application of the "free-system of commerce" as practised in the UAE will not be conducive to the Kuwaiti scenario. They reiterated that the large number of rented licences to expatriates reflects the population structure

in the country. Merchants stated that many professional and commercial practices in Kuwait such as the spare parts business has been adopted by a specific group of expatriates who have benefited the local market with their

One of the merchants pointed out that it is necessary for licence owners to rent their licences because they are not well experienced in that particular field. He added that this will create problems for licence

Another merchant, Ghanem Hillal indicated that renting commercial licences is organised on a yearly basis between both sides. He pointed out that the whole country follows the same

Another section of market experts stressed that there is no specific style of calculating profit percentage between licence owners and users. They added most licence users pay an annual fixed rent to the owner of the licence. They believe that some licence users tend to adopt the feeling that they entirely own their businesses due to the fact that licence owners do not invest in the business.

A section of merchants pointed out that a big number of Kuwaiti government employees who are not permitted to open any form of commercial business have rented licences to work in that trade during the afternoons. Others stressed that Kuwaiti government employees owning companies are practicing trade through commercial licences owned by their wives or mothers. Employees who have failed to obtain commercial licences can obtain licences under the name of

their wives Activity

Fees for renting a licence is according to the size of activity. Some experts stated that contracting and general trade licence rentals may reach to several thousand dinars while it will not exceed KD200 in some simple trades.

A number of licence users stated that they rented their licences on an annual basis adding that if it wasn't for them the market would have been inactive. They pointed out that some huge shops operate under the cover of sponsors. Some expatriates may rent licences to open their own business as a precaution in case they lose their

original jobs.
On the other hand, licence owners stated that they prefer having a fixed source of income over entering into risks of business. They added that life has become more expensive and that their monthly salaries were insuf-



Soviet envoy received

Undersecretary of the Interior Ministry, Maj.- Gen. Yousef Bader Al Khorafi received at his office yesterday

Paaet to accept more than 4,000 pupils in first semester

DEAN of Students and Training Affairs at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, (Paaet) Hesham Al Mutawa said that the authority will accept more than 4,000 students during the first semester, who will be distributed among various colleges and centres. He added that this includes general secondary graduates.

In an interview with a local daily, he indicated that the authority will start receiving applications for admission from July 7 to 25 next. Applications will be received at the Admissions Co-ordination Office at the Commercial Studies College for boys in Hawalli located opposite to the Qadsiya Sports Club from 4 - 8 pm.

He pointed out that expatriate students who have secured above 90 per cent will be accepted by the authority.

He added that the authority will receive applications from female expatriate students who obtained a minimum of 85 per cent in their general secondary exams to the Nursing College. He said that accepting applicants papers does not necessarily mean admission to the authority. He stressed that all applicants for the nursing section at the authority will have to go through an interview for final acceptance.

Results

He pointed out that the authority will declare admission results for the first stage which include Kuwaitis on Wednesday, August 22, 1990. On the other hand, acceptance results for the second stage which includes Kuwaiti and non-Kuwait students will be announced Tuesday, Sept 11, 1990.

Director of the Admissions Office at the authority, Ahmad Al

Hussaini said that acceptance rates for this academic year will be similar to those of last year.

Regarding conditions of acceptance inside authority colleges, he added that applicants should be Kuwaitis and Arab expatriates. He indicated that the authority will only accept 15 per cent expatriates from the total number of students. He added that admission tests for student who applied for admission at specific colleges will be held from July 31 to August 8, 1990. He stressed that student applicants should provide the highest number of academic interests in their applications in order to obtain better opportunities for acceptance. Pass rates

Meanwhile, statistics published by the Organising and Control Committee for the General Secondary Certificates of the science section indicate a significant advance in the level of students achievements at all educational areas.

The general pass percentage in Ahmadi Educational Area registered 63.3 per cent, Jahra 65.2, Hawalli 87.3, the Capital 80.7 and Farwaniya 74.9 per cent. At government schools it registered 84 per cent.

However, statistics indicated a low level of Kuwaiti students amounted to 58.8 per cent as compared to 79.9 per cent for their non-Kuwaiti counterparts.

The low percentage among Kuwaitis, is attributed to the results of the elderly on the general result. Girls schools took the highest pass rates and statistics indicated that six government schools obtained 100 per cent pass rates.

From the courts

Fathers of juvenile thieves sign behaviour pledge

THE minors Court ruled in a verdict that the fathers of two minor thieves pledge to straighten their behaviour and carefully look after their children. The court was told that the two boys, each aged about 13 years, were apprehended and accused of carrying out a

number of car thefts. During interrogations, the boys confessed carrying out the thefts and particularly a certain theft in which KD 340 was stolen from a parked car. In the court however, they denied the charges and claimed they were forced to confess by the police who

beat them. The criminal evidences department said in its report that the fingerprints found in the car resemble those of one of the two boys. For that the court, considering their young ages. asked their fathers to sign a pledge promising to look after them better.

One month, deportation

for thief: The criminal court sentenced a man to one month imprisonment to be followed with deportation from Kuwait for entering a diwaniya and stealing money. The court was told that the man noticed that diwaniyas are always kept open and realising there was no one inside, entered the diwaniya with the aim to steal. But the owner of the diwaniya caught him. At the police station the accused said he did not steal anything but the brother of the owner

informed the police that his small bag containing money was missing. The court said that entering the house only is not a crime but entering the house with the intention to carry out a crime is

medicine factories at Arab states participated in the symposium which lasted three days.

Efforts to offset pro-Israel lobby

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Kuna): The new director of the US-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Sherif Sedki, is in the Arab Gulf this week hoping to help reverse serious declines in business due largely to

heavy lobbying by partisans of Israel.
The pro-Israeli lobbying (and Sedki's efforts to offset it) come at a time of mounting disincentives for American business-

Sedki and fellow US-Arab chamber official and trade expert Jean Abinader are now in Kuwait for a week's visit that also takes them to Bahrain.

Kuwait Chamber of Commerce executives Salah Marzouk and Majid Jamaladin are Sedki and Abinader's official hosts in Kuwait and will help them renew old ties or make new ones, accord-

ing to Sedki.

The Arab-American pair also are meeting highranking Kuwaiti government officials, US Embassy trade experts and others active in formulating and promoting the section of Sedki added ing bilateral trade, Sedki added.

As Sedki explained it to Kuna, "The purpose of the trip was to establish communication" with Arab counterparts in the trade sphere, and "to see how our chamber can better serve and help promote trade between the ... countries." Sedki pointing to a Kuwaiti trade

exhibit, said "we've had experience in the past where we can use (such) exhibits to enhance business and trade climate by setting up conferences where people can meet each other."

Among other things, Sedki and other Arab trade experts said the Kuwaiti exhibit and a very popular show on Saudi Arabia several months ago attracted delegations of executives from various American states.

Database The Saudi exhibit travelled all over the US, and was hailed as a major event in promoting understanding by Americans of the Arab role in history, civilisation and

This role, as Arab-American analysts have stressed, has been little explored by the US educational system. Sedki, newly appointed to head the two-year old US-Arab Chamber, is a lawyer by

profession and said he took the post on a A key element likely to be pursued in such Arab-American delegations to the region as Sedki's, a Gulf area specialist who spoke to Kuna on background speculated, was, "there is an opportunity to have a political role; and that I don't think it's well understood (by Americans generally) what the impact of Arab trade is on the US on the local level."

This source said he and others were involved in putting together a special computer database documenting the important and longtime link between trade and the US economy at large.

He said not only American businessmen but American politicians as well would become aware through such services of

lost business opportunities.

They would be informed that, "while you're standing there bashing the Arabs and writing blank checks to the Israelis, Mr Congressman, we can now tell you that there are 'X' jobs at stake in your district and we are not going to hesitate to let your constituencies know this."

Constraints Others have suggested in tandem informing union leaders in key defence industry states like California that mass layoffs and bankruptcies often result largely from the killing of large Arab arms sales due to heavy-handed pressures on Congress by the Israel lobby.

One proposed Saudi aircraft sale alone, lost to Great Britain last year after Israeli pressure, reportedly could have meant thousands of jobs to the private sector and billions of dollars in cash for states now suffering economic downturns.

Trade in the past five years has declined over 20 per cent, Sedki said, broadly attributing the impact of Israel's lobby for

Another key factor that acts as a disincentive, he said, echoing complaints of many Arab-American spokesmen, is the US anti-Arab boycott laws.

Asian and European firms do not operate under such constraints, Sedki said, recalling cases he has had of lawyers harassed by US government bureaucrats for even being suspected - erroneously in some cases - of complying with the Damascus-based bycott office.

Sedki spoke as well of "hoops" the American firms had to jump through to do almost any kinds of business in the Arab world.
"And unfortunately it's small to

medium sized businesses that don't have

the resources, and the experience to com-ply with the multitude of American laws." **Heritage**The upshot is the Americans' frustra-

tion at time-consuming laws, that poten-tial billions of dollars in combined earn-ings that could benefit the US and the Arab world are lost, the Arab-American Chamber of Commerce chief pointed out.

Sedki said, in any case, "the importance of trade as a political device within the United States is something people should know about," adding, "though, that as a tax-exempt organisation the Arab-American Chamber does no lobbying per

On the positive side of the trade ledger, Sedki emphasised, was the growing pride in heritage exhibited in recent years by Americans of Arab ancestry.

"All the Arab-American groups — the

National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA), Arab American Institute (AAI), American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) have everybody feel a lot more comfortable with their enthnicity," Sedki stated.

He wanted to clarify that his organisa-tion was not the Washington branch of the

now-defunct New York-based US-Arab Chamber of Commerce.

That organisation existed for many years, and Sedki explained that his new unit was meant to "replace the New York operation and consolidate all the chambers (including one in Chicago and another in San Francisco) under one

fraternal roof." There are now about 800 members of the "umbrella group" he chairs, many old-timers having been absorbed from the defunct "chamber," Sedki told Kuna in an

Dialogue

Asked to assess the impact on trade of the Bush administration's recent halt in the US-PLO dialogue, Sedki said. "I guess to the extent that one believes that trade is influenced by the overall quality of the (US-Arab) relationship, then presumably trade will suffer.

"Particularly, where there are politically sensitive trade issues like military infrastructure; where there are often political overtones to the trade then naturally" there are likely to be repercus-

High school graduates honoured

KUWAIT, June 27, (Kuna): HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier received Minister of Education Abdulla Al Ghunaim who introduced, them to a number of high school graduates, who received outstanding grades this year.

The education minister thanked the Amir and the Crown Prince for honouring the students, noting that such a move shows the country's determination to give more attention to education and students.

Later on, the Amir awarded the talented students with medals and certificates and encouraged them to continue their university

The meeting was attended by Education Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khodary. and other education officials.

Sheikh Saad delivered a speech at the meeting in which he congratulated the students for their success and the serious efforts they exerted during the school year.

He affirmed that the minister of education and ranking ministry officials are working day and night to upgrade the standard of education in Kuwait.

Sheikh Saad hoped that this policy be followed by all ministry officials, school masters and supervisors so as to realise aspirations and to work for the interests of our sons and daughters so that they occupy in the near future the leading posts.

Dr Ghunaim on his part delivered a speech in which he thanked the Crown Prince for this meeting and for the wise ins-

tructions he gave. Student Reem Ghazi Saud Al Felaij, from Al Asmaa Bint Hareth School thanked Sheikh Saad for what has been extended and what is being offered for the future generation.

Sheikh Saad then awarded the talented students with gifts and hoped them all success and continued progress.

71,000 tons of medicine for quakerates hit Iran

THE Central Blood Bank has reportedly dispatched 450 bags of blood and 3,000 plasma units on board a military aircraft loaded with pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for the vic-tims of earthquake-stricken areas in northern Iran, where tens of thousands have been killed and hundreds of thousands rendered homeless.

A local daily has said that 71,000 tons of pharmaceuticals and other medical necessities have so far been sent as relief supplies to the calamity-stricken area, which include antibiotics, intravenous solutions and all other pharmaceuticals needed.

The medical delegation that flew to Iran consisted of 14 specialised doctors of various medical disciplines headed by the chief surgical adviser at Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital, Dr Abdullah Issa Behbehani.

Kuwaiti envoy

DHAKA, June 27, (Kuna): President of Bangladesh Hussain Mohammed Ershad received today afternoon the Kuwaiti Ambassador here, Mohammed

Ebraheem Al Najran. During the meeting they dis-



Brigade visit

The deputy chief of staff of Kuwait Army, Maj. Gen. Jaber Khaled Al Sabah visited the 15th Armoured Brigade recently. He was received by the commander of the land forces. Col Abdul Aziz Al Barghash, the commander of the brigade Col Mohammad Al Harmi and a number of senior officers.

Summer exodus

Kuwait Airways Corp to operate 600 extra flights

carried out by the Ministry of Planning, half of Kuwait's population leave the country during summer. Generally speaking, an exodus of population at any given time has a strong impact on the economy and society as large sums of money is spent outside the country without any returns.

A local daily interviewed the general director of Kuwait Airways Corporation, Ahmad Fuisal Al Zabin who pointed out that Kuwait Airways will operate more than 600 extra flights in the current summer season. Extra flights are a pressing necessity in "high-demand sectors," he said.

He pointed out that fares have not been increased in the Kuwait market during the past years and prices are cheaper than in other

neighbouring countries. Regarding Kuwait Airways

preparations for this season, Zabin stated that due to passenger rush during the summer season KAC will operate many additional flights. Most of the additional flights will be operated on the Cairo route, followed by Istanbul, Damascus and finally London.

He added that KAC brought back two airbuses which were rented out to cover passenger demands.

He indicated that other preparations included reinforcement of all reservation offices inside and outside Kuwait. Offices were reinforced with a larger staff to facilitate passenger reservations.

With respect to the reserva-

tions problem, he stated overbookings are the cause, but are resorted to by the airlines to make-up for a "no-show" passengers. He said that the system is totally approved by IATA and is

implemented by all airlines. He added that many travellers fail to arrive at departure time which inflicts huge losses. He stressed that KAC does not adopt the surplus reservation policy unless there is a pressing need. He indicated that the travellers

card system is still under study by the corporation adding that in order to implement the system, measures have to be taken to cover the system's technical and computer requirements.

A committee was formed by Kuwait and Egypt airlines to study the requirements of the sys-tem. He indicated that the corporation will discontinue the use of Boeing 747 and will be replaced by Airbuses which have

been rented to Egypt Air. He pointed out that renting Kuwait Airways planes to other countries came as a solution to the problem of surplus in the corporation's fleet.

468 new TB cases discovered in 1989

ACCORDING to a survey study on tuberculosis in Kuwait, 468 new cases were discovered dur-

A local daily quoted figures and results reached by the study which showed that rate of developing TB among residents in Kuwait reached 24.85 per cent per 100,000, whereas the number of new cases of all types of TB discovered in 1988 was 480 at the

rate of 24.51 per cent.

The study revealed that Kuwaitis suffer from TB at the rate of 11.31 per cent per 1,000, in contrast to previous percentage recorded in 1965 which was 273 per cent per 100,000 people, which shows a gradual drop since

The study revealed that the number of new cases among stateless residents mad drawed from 169 in 1965 to 36 cases only as recorded last year, stressing that patients with TB mainly resided in Jahra. Sulaibikhat, Farwaniya and Fahaheel.

The study stressed that the majority of patients are young people coming to Kuwait for work.

Power and water rates to stay the same

KUWAIT, June 27, (Kuna): Minister of Electricity and Water Hmoud Abdullah Al Roobah said today that the government has no intention of increasing the prices of electricity and water on citizens, but on the contrary will continue supporting these

In an interview published in In an interview published in latest edition of Kuwait magazine, published by the Ministry of Information Roobah said that the government had taken necessary precautions to avoid what happened in December 1988 and April of 1989, when the electricity went off.

Concerning the project of Shatt Al Arab, and drawing its water to Kuwait, the electricity official said that the ministry had just ended a study evaluating the technical tenders and is studying financial tenders, and in accordance to these studies a chancellor will be chosen to design and supervise the work fulfill-ment of this project.

Headded that the ministry had agreed with a local company to implement a technical survey and study the soil.

Asked about the linking

Kuwait with Iraq in electricity to provide the southern parts of fraq with electricity, Rqobah said that this project had exceeded a long path, since an agreement had already been signed between the two countries in

Health care available for all and the construction of car parks at a total cost of Saudi riyals 234 By Husseln Al Tantawi

SAUDI Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri has said that relevant government auth-orities have at directives from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz executed a large integrated network of roads, bridges and tunnels both inside the holy town of Makkah and the area of the sacred locations, which is intended to facilitate access by hajjis and provide them with means of comfort and safety. He told Seyassah that con-

struction works are still in progress to complete the internal ring road in Makkah, adding that the length of this road and all main success, ramps, and inter-sections are about 25 kilometres. He said that the majority of He pointed out that the future

plans for communication projects in hajj area includes a number of works which aims at developing the areas as a whole, parts, which includes the com-pletion of stage four of the Mak-kah ring road and related intersections, a project with a total cost of over Saudi riyals 140.

Mansouri added that future projects also include the plan-ning and organisation of the Arafat area which aims at the construction of pedestrian arcades to protect them from sunstrokes, the completion of the ring road around Arafat area

millions on haj season

Saudi Arabia spends

He pointed out that the proposed inter-Gulf railway network receives due attention from the concerned official authorities in the GCC countries, and that two international consultants have already been assigned to undertake the necessary pre-development study for this project for submission to the council of GCC communications minister, as the project is still receiving deep co-ordinated consideration.

GCC countries are currently interlinked by an asphalted road network, of which some are not quite up to the desired standard capacity-wise and others do not serve the overland linkage pur-He added that therefore the

council of GCC communications improve and expand these roads as well as optimise their performance and modify the routing of others and to perform all necessary studies needed for this tar-

He said that the Saudi kingdom has a coast line on the Red Sea and the Arabian Gulf stretching over 1,500 miles, and the government has provided modern ports and harbours all interlinked with a road network to ensure easy transport of

goods, equipment and people, stressing that the marine transport sector has over the past years been the scene of great progress due to the consistent support of Saudi officials.

He said that the GCC, since its establishment, has been incessantly working for stepping up co-operation and integration between its members, in emphasis of the major existing common factors of unity: religion, language, history, mutual interest and fate. Aspirations

He added that all achievements so far attained by the GCC have come to embody the aspirations of the leaders and people of the members countries in fortifying the bases of security, and stability and to ensure greater luxury and progress as well as brotherly cohesion bet-

ween these countries. Meanwhile, Minister of Public Faisal Al Hajilan has said that the ministry has prepared a com-prehensive plan to provide hajjis with all needed health services during the present season, mobilising for this purpose more than 10,000 medical, technical and professional people, besides the plans developed for the same purpose by the Saudi Red Crescent Society, faculties of medicine and health institutes

Sheep pour in for sacrifice

RIYADH, June 27, (AP): Shiploads of sheep from New Zealand are arriving at Saudi Arabia's ports in preparation for the haj ritual animal sacrifice next week, a New Zealand embassy spokesman said today. New Zealand is sending

500,000 sheep to Saudi Arabia through Al Mukairish and Sons, the Saudi company contracted by the Islamic Development Bank to purchase sheep specifically for the haj. The IDB-purchased sheep will

be slaughtered by proxy on behalf of pilgrims who choose that method. Many prefer to make the sacrifice themselves.

The embassy spokesman, who is not named in line with regulations, said that another 400,000 sheep are coming from New Zealand outside of the IDB con-

He said the shiploads would continue through to Monday, the day when an estimated 2 million Muslims gathered for the annual pilgrimage to Islam's holiest shrines at Makkah and Madina culminate the haj rites by slaughtering animals in com-memoration of Prophet Abraham's offering of his son to god. It marks the start of the three-day Eid Al Adba or feast of sacrifice.

Other countries providing the kingdom with live animals include Turkey and Somalia. Aside from sheep, the hajjis or pilgrims can sacrifice goats and

Australia, which normally exports three million sheep a year to Saudi Arabia, is not directly involved with the haj since the ritual sacrifice requires young ram lambs with unclipped tails. Australian sheep, raised meat, are generally not suitable for haj because of their age. New Zealand sheep are raised for

where work is progressing on a 24-hour basis.

Sheep trade between Saudi Arabia and Australia is currently suffering due to several rejec-tions of Australian sheep at Saudi ports. Ten shipments carrying a total of 485,000 sheep have been rejected since July 1989, with the Saudis citing health concerns.

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Freight revised

THE chairman of the Economic Reactivation Follow-up Com-mittee and Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah has said that two ministerial decisions have of late been issued to revise the rates of loading and unloading freight to 40 per cent instead of 25 per cent. This decision falls within the framework of efforts exerted to activate the operation of Kuwaiti

He told a local daily that the ministerial decision revises the free demurrage period for transit goods, depending on the type of goods to become 30 instead of 10 days, and 15 instead of four.

He also said that another ministerial decision was adopted by the minister of finance facilitating curstoms procedures as of May I, which also introduced revisions on the freight lists and set up new system for the opera-

tion of customs storehouses. He said that the charges and duties collected by Kuwaiti ports from the owners of goods and ship agents come second in the level of low value following the cussed issues of bilateral interest. | ports of Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

Pager system to be expanded

BOARD director of the Mobile Telephone Company, Abdullah Al Sabej said that the company is currently working towards selecting and evaluating several offers for the expansion of the 'pager system.' The new expanded system will introduce 50,000 units during the next year and will have a maximum capacity of 100,000 units during the next five Interviewed by a local daily, Sabej indicated that the pager system is

considered a new service which was presented by the company two years ago. Demand was limited at the beginning but has increased considerably recently. The company has distributed ten thousand pagers in addition to receiving more than 4,000 applications which will be covered during the last quarter of this year. He stated that when the company undertakes modernising any service, more concerns are accorded to agreeing with international

equipment in this field. He pointed out that the use of the pager system in Kuwait is equivalent to four times the use of the same system in European countries. Sabej indicated that the company is currently looking for modifications to the system which will enable users to obtain callers numbers. He indicated that such modifications will be introduced in the system next January. He stated that the new facility will prevent harrassment from some callers and aims at unifying the system with GCC states, applied

He stressed that the company is directly contacting similar GCC companies to achieve full co-operation in the field. A special meeting was held last week in this regard in order to select a unified system for

mobile telephones system. Regarding the pressing problem of lines pressure suffered by subscribers. Sabej stressed that the company intends to take steps towards improving this section of the service. He stated that such steps include the formation of a new division to be completed next March. The new division is expected to resolve the problem and another expansion to

the system will also be carried out within a month. He explained that high pressure times differ from one time to another. He pointed out that more pressure is applied on the system usually during the final week each month due to the fact that many youths consume the remaining free time facility.

Islamic charity committee

KUWAIT, June 27, (Kuna): The Indian Continent Committee, an affiliate of the Revival of the Islamic Heritage Society, has accomplished 600 Islamic charity projects so far in Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Maldives.

The director of mosques construction and Islamic projects at the society Tarek Al Issa told Kuna today that the committee has built 350

mosques, 30 schools, 3 hospitals and dug 500 wells. The society has offered 850 sheep within its project of "Sacrifice sheeps outside Kuwait" to Muslims in India, Pakistan and other Islamic countries.

On the current projects of the society he said that the committee is building five mosques in Kerala state in India. He pointed out that most of the support and funds come from Kuwaitis and expressed the Indian subcontinent Muslim community's gratitude to the people of Kuwait for their support.

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I DON'T know whether war is an interlude during peace, or peace an interlude during war — Georges Ciemenceau. French statesman (1841-1929).

Allaying Soviet fears

German army to have limit

BRUSSELS (Reuters): Nato, abandoning its earlier confidence that Moscow would give way, has started working flat out to allay Soviet objections to a united Germany being in the Western alliance. The latest proposal to this end is a West German one suggesting that limits be agreed soon at conventional arms talks in Vienna on a united

Germany's armed strength.

This is something Moscow has repeatedly said it wants and Bonn.

Western allies to give financial aid. backed by France, is also pushing its Western allies to give financial aid

to the crippled Soviet economy. Calming In a future move aimed at calming Soviet fears, West Germany wants Nato to agree to a non-aggression pact of some kind with its cold war

enemies - the countires of the now-crumbling Warsaw Pact. Just a few weeks ago. Nato officials were confidently predicting Moscow would give in and that German unification, the key element of any new European order, could be completed quickly. What has

brought the change of heart? There is a very real fear that the Soviet Union could hold out for a long time and that German unification would become messy," said one Nato diplomat.

The two German states are already on the threshold of unification and even the Soviet Union says it cannot stop the process. From next Sunday, they become one state in economic and monetary terms and Bonn wants all-German elections in December.

But the concern at Nato is that the security aspects of German unification, in which Moscow has a clear say, could lag behind domestic developments and that a united Germany would not have resolved the issue of which alliance it should join.

Security

Moscow, citing security concerns and still bitter memories of more than 20 million Soviet dead in World War II, has stoutly resisted the idea of Nato membership for Germany at the so-called "Two-Pias-Four" talks.

These group the two Germanys with the four Allied powers - the Soviet Union, the United States. France and Britain - in discussions on aspects of German

unification. At the last "Two-plus-Four" meeting in East Berlin last week, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze presented a plan which suggested united German forces should be limited to between 200,000 and 250,600 men and that there should be a phased withdrawal of foreign

Snevardnadze

forces from Germany. The plan was immediately rejected by the West, which said it contradicted a fundamental principle that a united Germany should be

The Western allies have also said that German troop limits can be a sovereign state. discussed only at the Vienna talks and only if Germany is not singled out for special treament.

Forces

The latest idea being considered at the 16-nation alliance's Brussels headquarters, outlined by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher last Saturday, would appear to sidestep those problems neatly while taking Soviet concerns into account.

Armed forces of a united Germany would be limited, but so would other Allied forces, according to the scheme.

But the plan, one of several being considered, could also significantly complicate the current Vienna talks on cutting Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE), which so far envisage reductions only in US and Soviet

The alliance has already committed itself to further talks on troop cuts after an initial CFE treaty, which will reduce Soviet and US troop levels to 195,000 on each side in Central Europe and scrap thousands of pieces of heavy equipment.

But Genscher says agreement on further cuts should not be left until fresh talks, but reached in the current round.

Reaching a conventional arms treaty this year between Nato and the Warsaw Pact is crucial because the West has made it a precondition for holding a landmark summit of the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE).

Moscow badly wants that conference to go ahead, because it sees the CSCE as the foundation of a new European order and as a way of involving the Soviet Union.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1541 - Leonard Lord Gray is executed for treasonable deal-

1881 — Immigration act of New Zealand restricts Japanese

1895 -- Raids are launched from Bulgaria into Macedonia following founding of an external Macedonian revolutionary

1914 — Austria's Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife are

assassinated at Sarajevo by a Bosnian revolutionary, igniting

1942 - British 8th Army retreats from Germans to El Alamein in North Africa in World War II; German forces launch counterattack against Soviets in Kharkov region.

1948 — Yugoslavia is expelled from Cominform for hostility to

1950 - North Korean soldiers capture Seoul, as South

1956 - Labour riots are put down in Poznan, Poland, with

1976—The Seychelles, Indian Ocean group of islands, become

1986 - West European leaders, meeting in the Netherlands,

delay indefinitely imposing economic sanctions against South

1988 — US military attache to Greece is killed by powerful car

bomb that blows his armour-plated auto off road as he leaves

1989 — Explosion injures four people in central Israeli town of

ings with Geraldines while lieutenant of Ireland. 1629 — Peace of Alais ends Huguenot revolt in France. 1797 — France occupies Ionian Islands of Greece.
1812 — Napoleon Bonaparte's army crosses Vilna river as

Russian forces retreat.

organisation at Sofia.

heavy loss of life.

home for Athens office.

Koreans retreat south of Han river.

independent after 102 years under British rule.

INSIDE WASHINGTON

By Henry Brandon

Transition causes upheavals

East bloc reforms could falter

WASHINGTON: After the joys and jubilations of having got rid of the communist yoke in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, the pains and privations of the transition to a market economy have set in and are causing deep inner upheavals. The severity of these upheavals could have all sorts of unexpected political repercussions and they are beginning to worry the Bush administration. To live with zero growth, high inflation and mass unemployment will test the patience and endurance of Poles. Czechs, Hungarians, Romanians, Bulgarians, Yugoslavs and Soviets. It could create a backlash that could kill the seeds of democracy, undermine the new reform governments and turn people against capitalist goals.

The experts agree that what they call the "big bang" of drastic reforms is absolutely necessary to cut down the duration of this painful transition and to ensure the success of the economic reforms. It involves freeing prices from state control, creating a private banking system and financial services, introducing private property rights and company laws, breaking up state monopolies and establishing a proper social security system that includes unem-ployment benefits, medical insurance and, of course, the privatization of industry.

Serious One of the serious problems is that most of the economists involved in guiding the transition are more familiar with capitalist goals than how to reach them. As Gorbachev pointed out here, such fundamental changes in so many countries have never before been attempted in history. Even such simple aspects of reform as creating competition among companies is a problem hard to teach and to accomplish among people, who all their lives, have been used to not having to worry about competition or about quality control and competitive pricing.

Alone the decision to relax centrals control created a chaotic situation with a great number of monopolies suddenly finding themselves on their own, cutting prices, reducing production and facing the problems of having to improve the quality of their products. People who had never been in a position to take managerial decisions saw themselves suddenly confronted by them. Of course, they found it difficult to assume responsibility for running an enterprise. Perhaps the change in attitudes among workers and managers may prove to be the most difficult to achieve and take years. The best way to deal with this problem may well be what West Germany is doing, it invited a thousand Soviet managers of various enterprises to join West German firms for three to six months to learn the

The Czechoslovak minister of foreign trade, for instance, told me that because of the poor quality of the goods the Czechs have been able to sell to the Soviet Union for so long, they now have great difficulty to improve the quality in order to be able to sell to the West. Only five percent of those exports to the Soviet Union can be transferred to Western

Most of the Eastern European countries, including the Soviet Union are not asking for linancial aid. what they want most is foreign investments. But as long as their currencies are not convertible until very

The magnitude of the task confronting the East European countries is daunting and so are the consequences if the "big bang" fails.

Hardships Some of those governments, such as the Czech and Hungarian and, most probably the Soviet one, seem to have decided to follow a more gradual path to avoid the avalanche of hardships and dislocations that a radical reform is bound to create. They are afraid that if the reforms are poorly managed, they could easily lead to stagnation or, possibly, economic collapse. It is one of the reasons why Western investors are hesitant to risk major investments, except for some of the industrial giants, such as General Electric, International Business Machines or motor car manufacturers. Large state enterprises are likely to dominate the economies of these countries for some years to come. The promotion of new private businesses will therefore be slow and so will be the profitable functioning of the private sector.

No doubt, the Soviet Union offers the largest market for foreign investors, but also the most difficult to operate within it. The Soviets lack a skilled labour force that is eager to work and trained in Western business methods. For too long it has been used to go its own pace, take time off for a cigarette or a rest. The Soviet government is also the most difficult to deal with when it comes to negotiate conditions for foreign investors and to allow profits to be exported in hard currencies. It will be the most difficult to integrate into the world economy.

Another important problem that has not existed before is that the trade unions are assuming a much more active role than they did under a communist regime, for they never before had to face the threat of large-scale unemployment. The miners and railway workers have gone on strike in the Soviet Union and some unions in Poland have only at the last minute agreed to postpone a strike. As the economic situations grow worse strikes may be harder to avoid and that in turn, of course, would also hurt economic

In all the Eastern European countries the railway and storage systems are in very bad shape and as a consequence foodstuffs are often destroyed before it can reach the markets. According to official statistics 75 per cent of the potato crop never reaches the consumer and, overall, about 25 per cent of Soviet farm production is wasted. And there is not much that the Soviet government can do to remedy the situation. Most of the railway cars used in the Soviet Union have been built in East Germany and, most likely. East German manufacturers will, in future. be keener on selling to the West than to the Soviet Union. Furthermore, the Soviets will have to pay in hard currencies for virtually everything they will want to buy in the West, unless barter deals can be

The deep economic uncertainties the East Europeans are facing are not surprising, but they could lead to people wanting to revive the old certainties that existed under the communist regimes. The broad masses do not care so much about freedom of speech as they do about their livelihood and many Western statesmen are well aware of that. If the West wants to prevent the failure of the much praised free market system in Eastern Europe, it may well have to do more in aiding these economies. As T.H. Gianni de Michelis warned recently. "A crisis in one area could not avoid having repercussions on the others. Should the Soviet society and Soviet economy risk collapse. the threat would extend to these contiguous and partially complementary areas."

It is almost certain that much of the debt owed by Eastern Europe - 40 billion by Poland alone - will have to be forgiven. But that will not be enough. That was recognised by the establishment of a European investment bank for Eastern Europe, but its \$12 billion capitalisation is puny compared to the needs in Eastern Europe. As of now, the European governments are more willing to provide financial assistance than the United States.

Another, totally unexpected problem, is the seeming disintegration of the Soviet Union into a loose confederation with each member seeking to have its own trade and economic relations with the outside world. Yeltsin, for instance, the new president of the Russian republic, is claiming that Russian law is above that of the Soviet Union and that it must be able to negotiate its own contracts with other governments. Since 90 per cent of the oil produced in the Soviet Union comes from Russia, it is of course in a very favourable position to trade with the rest of the

Washington

Bush treated Mandela as S. Africa head

WASHINGTON. (Reuter): US President George Bush treated Nelson Mandela as if he were already the head of South Africa's linst post-apartheid government, but the administration remains concerned about some of the black leader's economic and political stands.

Barely four months after being freed from jail in South Africa, Mandela stood shoulder to-shoulder with Bush on a small platform on the sunlit South Lawn at the White House on Monday — about the same place where Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was greeted.

earlier this month. Bush further honoured Mandela, who spent 27 years in prison for his advocacy of black majority rights, with nearly three hours of talks plus a White House luncheon — Events that lasted longer than those for some foreign heads

Mandela received a hero's welcome on Tuesday, as he became the third private citizen to address a joint meeting of Congress thoth the House and the Senate), following the Marquis de Lafavette in 1824 and Lech Walesa the leader of Poland's Solidarity movement, last November.

Mandela is Deputy President of the African National Congress (ANC), the leading halfapartheid coalition in South Africa.

In his speech to Congress. Manufely used together the various strands of his message and cast it in terms of American ideals and the revolutionary battles of the US families 1988.

He appealed again for no let do in sanction against the South African government, in ordation end the minority rule by the admires five million whites over its 28 million blacks.

Judging from the reaction in Congress think he's garnered so much donestic supplies that it would be very difficult for the Sister that it would be very difficult for the Sister administration to even factually lift santions in the short term, "said Heefs flowe, director life. African Studies at George and University.

But Witney Schneidman of the Javestor Responsibility. Research Chapte. Which, studies south African political and economic frends.

South African political and economic frends.

said the White House was clearly preved by Mandela's unwillingness to renounce violence.

Mandela's unwillingness to renequee violence as a policy tool. Backers.

Mandela also rabbed the White House wrong with his expressions of friendship for Cuban President Field Castro, Libyan leader, Muammar Khaddafi and the Palestine Libera-

Muammar Khaddari and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

"Mandela, the holdout, is magic and
unique wrote Washington Post columns to
Mary McCrory refer to the his relactance to
and the write House of Mandela with the Mandela as "a man who embodies the cribed Mandela as "a man who embodies the

hopes of millions." But, eager to maintain balance. Bush also praised the government of President F.W. de

Klerk for steps to expand the rights and freedoms of South Africans."

Bush made clear his discomfort with Mandela's unwillinguess to renounce armed struggle to achieve racial equality in South Africa The president urged an end to "this cycle of repression and violent reaction."

In his response, Mandela blended praise for Bush with suggestions that the President was not fully informed on the history and reality of

the ANC struggle. Mandela said the tactics of the ANC and other South African blacks would be determined by the attitude of the white-minority government

He said the ANC, outlawed for years until De Klerk lifted the ban in February, had a "total commitment to peace" as long as the South African government continues to movetowards equality.

"If we are forced to resort to violence, it is because we have no alternative whatsoever." he

Quebec premier walks tightrope. Sensing the hurt in the province, the nor-Tayor Jone 19

MONTREAL, (Reuter): Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa walks a tightrope these days as he reassures the world of the Canadian province s aggrieved nationalists that a new era has

begun in Quebec. Bourassa is well aware of the danger, having been toppled in 1976 by the separatist Parti Quebecois after misjudging the depth of the nationalist sentiment in the

"A new page has been turned in Quebec's history," Bourassa said in a televised intervieew, reacting to calls in Quebec for a grand gesture following the death of the Meech Lake constitutional accord, which would have recognised the French-speaking provice as a distinct society within Canada. Restraint

But his restrained response to the accord's collapse - nothing more than a declaration that he would boycott future constitutional talks — stirred the hopes of the opposition Parti Quebecois which senses many Quebecers want more.

Recent polls show nearly 60 per cent of Ouebecers favour a severeign Quebec, a politically independent nation which would, however, retain most economic links with English-speaking Canada.

Many of the province's French Canadians view the failure of the Meech Lake Accord as the last proof they needed of English Canada's indifference.

Evidence of Quebec's inpatience emerged on Monday in parades celebrating Quebec's national holiday when thousands of Quebecers spontaneously joined the orderly St Jean Baptiste Day procession, chanting

independence slogans.

"Sovereignty is nore than ever inevitable," Parti Quebecois leader Jacques Parizeau said after the death of the accord.

mally phlegmatic Bourassa lashed out at the provinces that killed the accord - Manitoba and Newfoundland --- and cancelled plans to meet with the other nine provincial premiers this August in Winnipeg.

But the 54-year-old economist refused to undertake more serious steps until a panel he created weeks ago to study Quebec's options submits its reports next February.

Let down

While Bourassa's measured approach has reassured his English Canadian allies in the federal government and Ontario as well as international investors, many Quebecers felt let down.

"These were less than even symbolic moves. They don't mean anything," said political scientist Pierre Fournier at the University of Quebec.

The disappointment is particularly acute because Quebec had made veiled threats in recent months that separation would be the inevitable outcome if the Meech Lake Accord failed. Some political analysts say Bourassa may

be vulnerable to an assault by the provincial opposition Parti Quebecois, which has gained ground in the opinion polls and is now trailing the ruling liberals by only three perecentage points. In 1976, Quebec voters abandoned him

for the then-new Parti Quebecois, believing that the federalist premier was not sufficien-tly vigorous in defending Quebec's interests.

But Bourassa made a remarkable political comeback in 1985 after Quebecers, many of whom had become more interested in economics than politics, revised their opinion of him, concluding that he had done a good job managing the economy.



Art Buchwald

Nobody wants babies to starve

TO some people it's a problem — to most people it isn't. Food allotments for poor families are being cut all over the United States and expectant mothers and small children face serious cutoffs and malnutri-

Nobody wants babies to starve and women to go hungry, but in a country as poor as the United States, what other choices do we have?

Totie Button, a rich government consultant to the poor, told me, "We're facing a crisis. When we promised to provide nutritional subsidies to one-third of all the babies in the United States, we had no idea what the bill would be. We can't give away food willy-nilly to anyone who asks for it while so many savings and loans institutions are starving to death. That would be fiscal suicide."

"How did the poor women and children get into so much trouble?"

It was just a question of the federal government wrongly estimating what food prices would be this year. There's been a cost increase in orange juice, cereal and infant formula. All the money that Congress voted for the programme has been used up."

"Why doesn't Congress vote more money?" Because nutrition for the poor is not an issue that attracts votes. Someone has to tell poor people what Mother Hubbard said when she went to the cup-board and found it bare. So much for tough love." Solutions

He continued, "There are solutions to the problem, but mothers are going to have to take the bit between their teeth. They must explain to their children that the reason they are only getting half a glass of milk a day is because of Gramm Rudman. They will have to appeal to a child's love of country when the infant formula runs out. Needy people can't just keep consuming food while the deficit is where it is at the moment. There are a lot of things Washington has to spend money on - and food for the poor is at the bottom of the barrel.'

"Impoverished people don't talk enough about

food to their children." I said.
"I don't want you to think that I am unsympathetic about this, but every mother in the country has to choose between feeding her young or watching another stealth bomber roll off the assembly line." "If I was a mother, I'd want the stealth bomber," I

"Due to the unforeseen food price hikes, we've

had to cut a lot of folks out of the programme. In one way, it's a good thing, because if a child has never had a nutritious meal he won't miss it. I didn't drink orange juice when I was a kid, and I'm no worse off for it. By removing pregnant women and nursing mothers from the rolls, we can give the money to those who are clinically suffering from malnutri-

"I'm glad that we have this crisis, as it will send a message to all those mothers who are trying to get a free hunch. There are lots of welfare women who can afford to pay for their own dairy products but who

would rather play golf instead."
Button said, "The story of those of us who are fighting to keep the food budget in perspective has been ignored by the media. Just because we are involved in the cutbacks doesn't mean we are responsible for the rise in the price of cream cheese. Maybe when the cost of food goes down, we can address ourselves to poor people's stomachs. Until then our women and children owe it to their country to tighten their belts and say to themselves, 'Missing one or two meals isn't going to kill me." Los Angeles Times Syndiate

"I must say I have not given up my policy of conference, consultation and consensus to resolve all problems. But: at the same time, I cannot look aside when people believing in the gun try to resolve problems killing innocent people and menbers of the armed forces. I have done my best to lry and resolve problems through good will, trust and discussion. But, if trust is treated as weakness, those who think so will themselves be cheated." President Premadasa on the violence in Sri Lanka.

France has decided to maintain its policy and continue to assist Africa whatever happens and whatever one says," Mitterrand to a Franco-Airican summit.

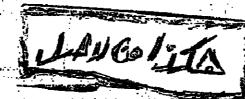
The European Monetary System is already turning into monetary union." How do you stop the train. without jumping off and breaking a leg? — An economist at investment bankers, Salomon Bruthers International.

"Your love and enthusiasm as well as your pioneering role in taking positive measures against apartieid betray the kinship you hold for our people."
Mandela told a crowd in Boston.

"Who of us is Jesus Christ? Only Jesus Christ managed to feed 20,000 Jews with five loaves of bread. There is no other way of solving the problem quite so simply. We are on a difficult quest but we are on the path to fundamental change that will lead us along the road to renewing society." Gorbachey on the Soviet economy.

"While the world gears up for the 21st century, we have failed to resolve a debate that predates confederation itself. To my fellow Quebecers, I want to say how dismayed I am that Quebec has not; at this time, been able to rejoin the constitutional family with honour and enthusiasm. But Quebec emerget from these negotiations with its dignity and its principles intact." - Canadian Prime Minister

Brian Mulroney to Quebecers after the failure of a constitutional reform which would have recognised Quebec's disunct culture.



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Norway faces one of its biggest tests

OSLO. June 27, (Reuter); Norway's fourvear-old policy of curbing oil output to help Opec support prices faces one of its biggest tests next month - after the restraints are abandoned.

The end of the policy from July I means North Sea oil firms will no longer have to pump oil at five per cent below capacity. It should in theory immediately raise output by almost 90,000 barrels per day (bpd) to a record around 1.79 million.

But even Norway admits that its estimate oil output capacity in the first half 1990 was too high. Opec nations wonder about the validity of "curbs" based on over-estimates. Any rises in output may be eliminated in the

Oil Minister Eivind Reiten said he expected Norway's output in the second half of 1990 would rise to around 1.70 million bpd from an

The figures are well short of the 1.79 million bpd the ministry forecast last December as production capacity for the first half of 1990. With a five percent cut, production in the first six months of 1990 was meant to be 1.70

First half production capacity "might have been a slight overestimate, but it's always hard to project the amount exactly and there have been problems at the Gullfaks field." he

said.
Sources at several oil firms said companies often submitted optimistic output forecasts to the Norwegian authorities for approval, hoping any curbs would still mean they could pump at full capacity.

"The cuts are mainly a sign of political will to Opec," one oil company official said.

Quotas are also given on the assumption that all wells work properly, which isn't realis-

Reiten said the policy had helped stabilise the market. He noted several fields have had to close briefly after exceeding quotas set since restraints were introduced in 1986.

Norwegian oil workers shut down production at the North Sea Ekofisk Bravo platform Tuesday in sympathy with a two-month strike by the field's scaffolding work-

The action by 120 members of the Federa-tion of Oil Workers Unions will last indefinitely, said union secretary Per Ove Oekland. The union stopped production of 40,000 barrels a day of crude oil and 180 million cubic metres of gas at Bravo, operated by Phillips Petroleum Company Norway.

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Where's the best?

A woman takes one of the last pieces of butter out of the almost empty shelves in a department store in East Berlin, four days before the currency union gets into force and the shelves will be filled again with Western groceries. (Reuter

Quiet day for dollar

KD interbank market quiet

LONDON, June 27, (UPI): The US dollar had a reasonably quiet day against the major European currencies after big falls overnight following President Bush's announcement that US taxes may rise in moves to reduce the US hudget deficit.
The dollar moved within very tight boundaries as

dealers waited to see what would happen next in the States,

The market wants to hear more on the Bush proposals. Higher taxes do not necessarily mean the Fed will cut interest rates," said Jeremy Hawkins, economist with Bank of America. "People are feeling that may be yesterday's self-off was overdone on the basis of incomplete information.

In Frankfurt, the dollar closed lower at 1.6630 Deutsche marks against 1.6770 at close yesterday. The dollar was down in Zurich at 1,4075 Swiss francs

against 1.4125 at the previous night's close, In London, sterling had a cautious day due mainly to Prime Minister Thatcher giving a less than enthusiastic reaction to plans for European monetary union sketched out at the European Economic Community summit meet-

The pound closed higher at \$1.7430 compared to \$1.7375 yesterday unchanged against the morning's open. The US unit closed lower in Paris, Brussels and Milan, at 5.5855 francs against 5.6315, at 34.18 Belgian francs against 34.48, and at 1,219.30 against 1,229.25 at close

yesterday.

Earlier in Tokyo, the dollar plunged against the Japanese yen, in anticipation of lower US interest rates after President Bush's remarks.

The dollar closed at 154,35 yen, down 0.88 yen from vesterday's close of 155,23 yen, the Bank of Japan said. In Zurich, gold was higher at \$350.50 an ounce against

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S. Korea aims higher growth: South

Korea has raised its target for economic growth this year to between 8 and 9 per cent, well above its earlier

goal of 6.5 per cent, the government said yesterday.

growth achieved last year when exports were slugg-

The new goal was contained in an economic man-

agement plan for the second half of this year, adopted

Tuesday in a meeting of economic ministers. (AP)

US farm lobby talks: A high level delegation

from the United States, representing the farm lobby, will begin talks on Thursday with key agricultural

trade negotiators to explore the likelihood of agriculturul trade reform — emerging out of the Uruguay round talks in the General Agreement in Tariffs and

Dean Kleckner, president of the 3.8 million mem-

ber American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), the

largest organisation of farmers and ranchers in the US, leads the delegation and predicts 'pain in agricul-

ture' in efforts to eliminate trade-distorting subsidies

Trade (GATT).

in the GATT fail. (Kuna)

ish. The Korean economy grew an average of 12.7 per cent a year between 1986 and 1988, when exports

jumped by more than 20 per cent annually.

The new target would also be above the 6.7 per cent

line ensures wide, dynamic sound. (Press release)

\$349.50, and also closed higher in London at \$350 compared to \$349.75 an ounce Silver was higher in Zurich, at \$4.85 an ounce compared to \$4.80 an ounce and it was higher in London at \$4.83 an

ounce from \$4.79 an ounce. At the start of foreign exchange trading in Switzerland

today, one Kuwaiti dinar was trading at 4.7744 Swiss francs, against the closing rate of 4.8087 yesterday evening, the Swiss-Kuwaiti Bank reported. Against the dinar, the German mark opened at 5.6687

(5.7175), the pound sterling 1.9596 (1.9628), Japanese yen 526.2601 (528.7861), and the US dollar remained unchan-In Kuwait, the Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit market

remained quiet as operators continued to cover their positions over the impending Eid Al Adha holiday. The market was short in overnight, they said, and the

rate firmed slightly, later being quoted at 8-3/4, 8-1/2 per cent. All other short dates were quoted around 8-3/48-3/8. Little business was seen in fixed dates, and rates were basically unchanged The Central Bank fixed the dinar at 0.29236/46 to the

The Saudi riyal interbank deposit market was unchanged today, as most operators had already covered their positions ahead of next week's Eid holiday, said dealers. Rates in both short dates and fixed dates were quoted

the same as yesterday's, and were expected to remain stable over the holiday period, they added. The spot riyal was quoted around 3.7502/5 to the dollar.

In New York, US Treasury bond prices rose and the dollar fell yesterday after President Bush said he would

considers new taxes, a move that economists say could push down US interest rates.

Gorbachev looks to golf: Mikhail Gorba

chev doesn't play golf — chess is his game — but he knows that in the United States many a business deal

is struck on the fairways and greens.

So it wasn't surprising that when the Soviet President came here recently to woo 150 captains of

industry at a lavish luncheon after his summit talks. one of those invited was golf course designer Robert

Jones is creating a championship course in a forest

on the outskirts of Moscow that is expected to open in

the fall of 1991 or the spring of 1992.

The sprawling 7,015-yard (6.313-metre) layout, the first 18-hole course in the Soviet Union, will feature golf in the bright nights of summer and cross-

country skiing in the long winter. Someday, perhaps, it will be the home of a world class (ournament. (AP)

Mandela's tour adds pressure: Netson

Mandela's US tour is adding to pressures on US corporations to cut business links to South Africa.

South Africa is already the leading social issue

being put to corporate America by increasingly res-

tive stockholders, who are using shareholder resolu-

tions and proxy votes at a quickening rate to make

Africa," said Heidi Welsh, whose Investor Respon-

sibility Research Centre (IRRC) tracks corporate

Oil exploration fund: Malaysia and

Thailand are to set up a fund to finance the develop-

ment of a joint area for petroleum exploration, it was

A government source said that the fund was made

possible under the Malaysia-Thailand joint auth-

ority act passed Monday by the Malaysian Lower

The agreement to jointly work the 7,000 sq. km area of the Kelantan coast, northeast of Kuala Lumpur, was signed on May 30 this year. (Opecna)

The issue that comes up most often is South

analysts and academics said.

activism. (Reuter)

reported on Tuesday.

House of Parliament.

up in May WASHINGTON, June 27, (AP): The government's main economic

indicators

forecasting gauge rose 0.8 per cent in May, another indication the economy will skirt a recession this year, the government reported

The Commerce Department said its index of leading economic indicators had slipped a revised 0.1 per cent in April after a 1.0 per cent gain in March. But even though the index fell in April, the revision was a slight improvement over the 0.2 per ceut decline

originally reported last month.
The index is designed to forecast economic activity six to nine months in advance. If the economy continues to grow through November, it will reach its eighth year of expansion. It already is the longest expansion in

But today's report also conlargest -negative contributor among the 11 forward-looking indicators was an index measuring umer confidence.

It was further evidence that Americans are becoming more cautious in their spending, which accounts for two-thirds of the nation's economic activity and which has helped fuel economic growth for 7-1/2 years.

But as consumer spending appears to pause, analysts point to business investment and overseas demand for US goods as a major stimulus for continued, although

weak, growth.

The leading indicators were released as White House and congressional leaders were preparing to resume negotiations on a plan to reduce the fiscal 1991 deficit — a reduction that would require continued economic growth.

A recession would make that task much more difficult since it would mean a loss of jobs and incomes, diminished corporate profits and a drop in tax revenues. At the same time, the government would be called upon to increase spending on various benefits.

In advance of today's report, a consensus of economists had expected the index to have risen 0.7 per cest.

Seven of the components were positive in May — a longer average workweek, an increase in the price of raw materials, a larger amount of orders for cons goods, higher stock prices, a decrease in the weekly unemployment claims, slower business delivery times and an increase in orders for new plants and equip-

In addition to the drop in consumer confidence, the other negatives were a decrease in the money supply, a smaller number of building permits and a drop in manufacturers' unfilled orders.

The various changes left the index at 146.2 per cent of its 1982 base of 100 and up 1.1 per cent from its level a year ago.

Many economists, who believe the nation's economy will continue to expand sluggishly during the remainder of the year, are growing more anxious over the slowing contributions of American con-The consumer confidence index

was negative in January and February and unchanged in March. It posted a slim gain in

IMF's board, which routinely meets three

Respect oil quota, appeals Tehran

Ceiling will no longer be necessary by '92

TEHRAN, June 27, (Opecna): In a forceful appeal to Opec member countries to respect the organisation's accepted production agreements. Iranian Petroleum Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh has predicted that by 1992 output quotas will no longer be necessary as non-Opec output will be in decline.

In an exclusive interview with Opecna here, the minister said: "We should be wise enough in the interim to

determine a ceiling and apportion quotas which can be kept.

"Failing that, how can we be sure that the world will trust our word or believe in us? We have the ability to

solve this problem and it must be solved."

He said that at today's production levels the quota problem would have been "solved forever" by 1992 as world demand would in the main be met by Opec member countries because of the dying up of non-Opec oil.

Asked why Opec had so far been unable to achieve its reference price target of \$18 a barrel, he replied, "I feel that member countries which violated their quotas and overproduced are responsible for

this.
"We have had very bitter experiences in the past and I hope that these countries realise that we need stability in the oil market. The world no longer looks at Opec decisions very seriously. When we take a decision, everyone is sceptical."

Said Aghazadeh: "I hope when we reach an agreement in future, we will abide by it. Recently, we have had indications that the Saudi government is keenly interested in the long-term stability of the oil market. The conditions for such stability exist. At the last three Opec meetings, Iran has emphasised that the present atmosphere is such that we can work out and adopt policies which will bring longterm stability.

The minister said that at the next Opec meeting scheduled for July 25 in Geneva, "We must really take the price of oil under serious consideration and unless it comes back to its normal level, other issues should be set aside. We want the price of oil to return to the Opec reference level."

In a detailed briefing about the domestic oil industry, Agh-azadeh stated that until 1995, an oil output capacity of 4.5 million bpd would be "enough for us."

He explained that he had arrived at this figure after a careful study of demand for Opec oil between now and 1995. Asked about iran's production plans after this date and until the end of the century, he said that it was too early to speculate on that.

Elaborating, the minister said, "this is not a matter of exploration. The reservoirs are there. The wells have been drilled. All we need to do is to repair damaged platforms such as Nauroz, Salman and Abu Zar. We estimate the cost offshore at \$1.5 billion and half a billion for offshore. That is not big money, so we will surely be able to reach the desired additional capacity of

600,000 bpd." The minister said mobilising foreign resources was no problem, adding that the terms offered by the government to foreign companies had been accepted and many agreements had already been signed.

Asked if Iranian reserves were declining considering that the country was one of the few Opec member countries which was implementing secondary recovery programmes, Agh-azadeh said, "Not at all. We have calculated the 4.5 million bpd production figure carefully after taking all factors into account. We do not see the necessity of making more investment than we need at this moment."

The minister disclosed that Iran hoped to get 20 billion barrels in extra reserves with secondary oil recovery methods. Asked what percentage of the country's foreign exchange earnings would come from oil and gas respectively, he replied that most of the income would be gen-erated through oil.

Aghazadeh referred to Iran's recent gas deal with the Soviet Union, adding that many other countries had also expressed an interest in the country's gas.

In answer to a question about the country's gas deposits, he said proven reserves were around 17 trillion cu metres and other amounts would be added to this figure. The present known gas wealth of Iran was worth 100 billion barrels of oil equivalent. "Gas is a very good alternative

important role in the future, Morocco reaches agreement on \$130m IMF loan

Cut in oil prices

Accord delayed

By Jadranka Porter Arab Times staff

KUWAIT Petroleum Corporation's agreement with Japanese clients offering them a 70-cent per barrel cut in oil prices for July liftings was put off until after the Eid holidays, a Kuwaiti source said yesterday.

A Japanese buyer confirmed that it is only a question of time before the agreement is struck. "The room for argument has been exhausted." he said. He told the Arab Times that KPC telexed their proposal for a price cut last Tuesday allowing only a day for final acceptance from the Tokyo head office before the last weekend in June that is to be followed by an eight-day Eid holiday in Kuwait.

The delay is uncharacteristic as agreements are usually sealed at least a fortnight before they take effect.

The draft agreement for July proposes a price per barrel of Kuwaiti crude that equals Oman/Dubai minus \$1.45 and gives KPC an option to revise the price upwards for August and September liftings. Prices are negotiated on a quarterly basis while quantities are fixed annually. Japan's oil imports from Kuwait stand at about 200,000 barrels per day. If the price is not agreed Japanese buyers can turn elsewhere for the

supplies.

With Saudi Arabia and Iran having cut the price of their heavy crude earlier this month Kuwait had no choice but to follow suit. If it didn't the Japanese could half their oil imports from Kuwait.

The Japanese trader rejected speculation of a price war saying that producers were cutting but not undercutting the price. "What Saudi Arabia did was in line with market trends. Iran and Kuwait which have the same type of heavy crude had to do the same," he said.

According to agency reports the Saudi discount, which caused prices to tumble by up to a dollar a barrel, triggered fears that were immediately dispelled by Saudi Arabia that the world's biggest exporter wanted to increase volume risking a price war. The Saudis have said that their move was merely to defend the kingdom's Opec quota of 5.38 million barrels per day.

W. German power firms head East

many's wealthy power companies are circling the East German energy market, bringing charges they aim to exploit the vulnerable East as a car-

Veba AG, RWE AG and Bayernwerke AG, partly owned by Viag AG, deny reports they are taking over East Gemany's 15 energy sup-pliers and the whole energy network for 10 billion West German marks (\$6 billion).

But they acknowledge they are talking with East Berlin on taking stakes in new energy companies being set up to replace the state monopoly. An agreement is expected this

"East Germany has no time to lose." said Heino Ruland, an analyst at Bank Julius Baer AG in Frankfurt. "Energy is so fundamental for the economy that they have to come up with an agreement pretty soon."

But both the East German

parliament and West Germany's cartel office have expressed concerns over the possible takeover by the

BONN, June 27, (Reuter): West Ger- three Western giants, which would strengthen their already powerful

market position.

The West German Green Party, which is opposed to the terms of the treaty for economic union between the two Germanys, has called on Bonn to block the plans of what it describes as the West German power monopoly.

The state treaty dictated to East Germany by the Bonn government has left a loophole in the area of the energy network, which the power companies now want to use shamelessly to their own advan-tage," said the small but influential

party.
West German newspapers suggest it could cost more than 100 billion marks (\$60 billion) to bring East Germany's inefficient and polluting power plants up to Western stan-

But analysts say the two Germanys have little choice but to allow the Western companies to gain a foothold in East Germany. See Also Page 14.

Gold prices fall

Slumping markets

VENICE, Italy, June 27, (Reuter): South African gold output could continue to fall as the country steps up political reforms, but industry experts see slumping markets as a major problem facing all the big Vestern producers. Production in Australia could decline rapidly. But it will rise in

Canada and the United States, although at a slower pace, experts told the World Gold Conference here on Monday and yesierday spousored by the Financial Times newspaper.

South Africa, Australia, Canada and the United States account for

more than 70 per cent of total Western world gold production.

Output in South Africa, the world's largest producer, fell last year and there is likely to be a continued decline, said Tom Main, chief executive of the Chamber of Mines of South Africa, the country's leading mineowners' association.

Main said reforms by South Africa's white-dominated government

could lead to a socialist society.

"Whether this will take the form of excessive state interference or

outright nationalisation is not yet clear." The cost of nationalisation would be enormous, and if an incoming government refused to compensate shareholders, investor confidence would fall, cutting vital private investment.

Main gave no output figures but said South Africa's mines had been

affected by weak dollar gold prices, while the rand has remained Inflation is running in double figures, increasing costs, while ore grades are declining and mine depths have had to be increased, he added.

The long-term outlook for Australian and North American produc-tion will also be affected by low prices.

Gold prices recently fell to their lowest in four years at just more than \$340. The price was fixed in London last morning at \$353.60 an ounce.

to other energy sources that the world can use. It will have an

times a week. Sources estimate that approval NEW YORK, June 27. (Reuter): The governof the loan will come in the latter half of July. ment of Morocco has reached agreement in principle with the International Monetary "This is an interim standby loan that Fund under which the fund will provide the precedes a medium-term, or three year loan country with a \$130 million loan over nine agreement," a monetary source said. months, monetary sources said. Negotiations on an Extended Fund

Facility (EFF) are under way between The loan is intended to be an interim standby agreement until a longer and more com-Morocco and the IMF, the sources said. prehensive IMF lending programme is put in He said it is possible the EFF will be provided before the lapse of the nine-month place, the monetary sources said. The loan must now be approved by the standby loan.

"You can assume that the EFF will be in the

range of approximately \$130 million a year for three years," the source added.

An EFF agreement is necessary for Morocco to use official resources - from the IMF, the World Bank and sovereign governments, most likely France - to reduce its debt in a programme arranged by its commercial bank lenders.

Morocco has been billed as one of the beneficiaries of US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady's 15-month old debt reduction initiative.

Alarm over piling debts

(Opecna): The United States and other governments should admit that part of the official debt owed them by developing countries is unredeemable and they should stop going through the "charade" of rescheduling this debt in the Paris Club talks, a report released here suggests.

The report by the House Appropriations Committee

accompanies the foreign assistance bill that now goes to the full House of Representatives for consideration.
It says that "the snowballing

effect of piling more and more official debt and interest on top of itself for future repayment is causing had official debt to expand geometrically" and will make the problem more difficult to solve in the future. Loans

The Paris Club process, in which debtor countries typically negotiate economic reform programmes with the Inter-national Monetary Fund (IMF) to qualify for rescheduling, works well when a country's economic problems are small and the IMF programme is well designed, claims the report.

But in many cases, it adds, the IMF programmes are "highly unrealistic and debtor countries have later been obliged to begin the process all over again when their ability to repay did not improve

The US government is owed about \$65 billion by other governments and also has over \$22 billion in loan guarantees outstanding under programmes of the US Agency for International Development, the Defence Security Assistance Agency, the Commodity Credit Corporation and the Export-Import Bank. says the report.

Accords

It maintains that since 1980 US officials have signed over 140 Paris Club rescheduling agreements, addressing a total of over \$15 billion in debt. The frequency and the amounts involved have risen throughout the past 10 years with the amount rescheduled in the second half of the decade about five times that in the first five years.

The report notes that the US foreign aid programme is becoming ensnared in the problem with the nation's aid money being used to pay the US back for its old loans.

Warning

"The absurdity of giving countries foreign assistance grants which are then largely used to repay the US is obvious and is even more troubling when many of these same countries have very large, poor populations," the report observes.

It particularly warns that failure by governments to admit that a portion of their debts are unredeemable "could have enormous geopolitical consequences in Eastern Europe," where the US should be maximising opportunities to stabilise the political and economic reforms that are currently being implemented in the region.

LDC ministers meet US leaders on debt

WASHINGTON, June 27, (AP): Four foreign ministers representing the world's poorest countries have appealed to US leaders to help them with debt relief programme and other measures to reduce poverty by the end of the decade.

Ministers from Bangladesh, Sudan, Somalia and Togo were delegated by the group of 42 LDCs, or least developed countries, to visit creditor nations and 'sensitise" them to the magnitude of their socio-economic problems, said their spokesman, Bangladesh Embassy Minister Mahbubul Alam.

The four met President George Bush on Monday at the White House barbecue for the diplomatic corps. They called on Secretary of State James Baker on Tuesday, and then left for the United Nations in New York.

The ministers have made the

trip in preparation for the second UN conference on LDCs in Paris this September. They will seek understanding and support for "the prevalent, grave economic situation of the LDCs," the minister said.

Bush to bar oil leasing until 2000

WASHINGTON, June 27, (AP): President George Bush yester-day barred new oil leasing off much of California and Florida. the North Atlantic coast, Washington and Oregon until after the year 2000.

"Further steps to protect the environment are needed," he

Bush also cancelled planned government oil lease sales in an area stretching south from San Francisco to Monterey Bay and said he would permanently block any drilling in a 2,200-square-mile (5,900 square kilometre) proposed marine sanctuary that lies within that region.

However. Bush said tracts in the Santa Maria Basin and Santa Barbara Channel of southern California would be available for leasing consideration at the beginning of 1996 if studies show the environment can be protected there.

"The combined effect of these decisions is that the coast of southwest Florida and more than 99 per cent of the California coast will be off limits to oil and gas leasing and development until after the year 2006," Bush

In the case of Florida, where the government already has sold 73 leases to oil firms in an area off the Florida Keys, Bush said he is directing Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan to begin a process that 'may lead to the buy-back and cancellation of existing leases.

Further, he said, "any development after the year 2000 would be pursued only if it appears viable based on the guiding principles" of environmental protection, energy needs and sig-nificant potential for oil produc-

Along the New England coast. Bush announced a delay that administration officials already had signalled. He said a sale of leases in the Georges Bank area east of Cape Cod. Massa-chusetts, will be cancelled until at least 2000.

This will allow time for additional studies to determine the resource potential of the area and address the environmental and scientific concerns which have been raised." Bush said in his statement.

Georges Bank, an underwater plateau that is about 175 miles (280 kilometres) long and lies 50 to 150 miles (80 to 240 kilometres) east of Cap Cod. is one of the world's richest fisheries. Congress has protected the region from oil drilling for the past several years by imposing moratoriums.

In California. Bush's longawaited decision calls for canceling all planned government sales in northern California, and in southern California south of the Santa Barbara Channel so new oceanographic and socioeconomic studies can be conducted.

Bank **Assets** increase

GENEVA, June 27. (Kuna): The assets of the Geneva-based Swiss-Kuwaiti Bank have increased to over 45 million Swiss francs as at the end of 1989, compared to more than 44 million Swiss francs in 1988, according to the latest annual report of the bank.

According to the profit and loss statement, the total income of over four million Swiss francs included over two million in interest earned, and more than one million by way of commis-

The net profit for 1989 amounted to 358,766 Sfr (Swiss francs). less than in 1988 but the decrease was the result of investments in new premises and equipment . Carsiness News Briefs

Soviets short of cash

Acknowledge problem paying \$2b bills

MOSCOW, June 27, (AP): A Foreign Ministry spokesman yesterday acknowledged the Soviet Union was having trouble paying \$2 billion in foreign bills but asked for more Western credits to help move toward a market

"We're experiencing some commercial difficulties now." Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov told a regular news briefing. "Our perfectly immaculate record on the external market of always paying our debts is now under question."

Gerasimov quoted Soviet state bank president Viktor Gerashchenko as saying the Soviet Union has a current accounts deficit, the difference between cash on hand and outstanding bills, of \$2 billion.

He said this was due to several factors, including the disruption involved in the transition from central planning to a market economy and the expansion of private enterprises, which now can make their own independent deals with foreign firms.

(Reuter): President George Bush

has given a decisive push to bud-

get talks resuming today between

US congressional leaders and

White House officials by aban-

doning his campaign promise of "No new taxes."

decision to collect more taxes in

the face of a rising deficit now

projected at \$160 billion for fiscal

1991 . It balloons to \$230 billion if

the costs of bailing out troubled Savings and Loans institutions

With budget talks stalled,

Bush called together the top five

leaders of Congress for breakfast

They negotiated for two hours

before issuing a statement in

Bush's name which contained

size of the deficit problem and the

need for a package that can be

enacted require ... tax revenue

Republicans, however, alter-

nated between being stunned and

asserting that the president had

for the budget summit, which

had gone nowhere since Bush

blamed by Republicans in a mid-

term election year for raising

taxes, had refused to be the first

to propose tax increases - or

doning his 1988 campaign pledge

of "Read my lips — no new taxes," House Speaker Thomas

Foley signalled an end to the

strategy of sitting on the

"All of the members of the

group will be putting forth ideas

and participating" now, said the

Foley, presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater and other con-

gressional leaders said they

would work to reach a budget

deficit agreement no later than

August, and perhaps as early as

July.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski,
(Democrat), chairman of the lax-

writing House Ways and Means

Committee, called Bush's

statement "an important step in

the right direction," while the White House said it marked the

turning point in sluggish negotia-

tions with Congress to write a plan to reduce the deficit.
"We're going to have to do

some things that are probably not going to be universally

popular in dealing with the bud-get deficit," said Foley. Neither the White House nor

congressional Democrats would

speculate on what taxes might be

raised or what spending programmes might be trimmed.
"We're not willing to give it any definition," presidential press secretary Martin Fitzwater

Washington Democrat.

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said nothing new.

anything else.

The President made his

Despite its current difficulties, Gerasimov said the Soviet Union needed more Western economic credits like the 5-billion-mark (\$3.1 billion) West German bank credit backed by the Bonn government this week.

"If we have credits, it will be easier for us to have economic reform," he said.

European Community leaders meeting in Dublin this week agreed to help the ailing Soviet economy, but first ordered aides to consult with the Kremlin about proposals for short-term loans and long-term assistance. France and Germany had urged their European colleagues to adopt an immediate \$15-billion aid package.

Gerasimov said the Soviet Union's economic potential should be sufficient collateral guaranteeing large-scale economic credits will be repaid with interest. He insisted such help was not aid.

'It's not aid, it's credit," he said. "This credit must be returned, must be paid back

Republicans stunned

Yes to new taxes

said of Bush's statement. "That's

Some Republicans balked at

Rep. Robert Walker, a mem-

ber of the Republican leadership

in the House of Representatives.

urged members of Congress to

sign a letter opposing any tax

increase, arguing that it would

"undermine the economy and

Rep. Robert Toricelli, a

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Democrat, said the "charade is

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finally over."

To pay them back with interest, we must work harder, so it's just a kind of input to our perestroika. be said, referring to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's programme of economic reform.

Gerasimov said there were no detailed plans for implementing massive infusions of foreign credits. The lack of such a plan "is a little bit of danger." but it is premature to worry about it now, Gerasimov said.

The Soviet business weekly commersant said deliveries from foreign companies worth up to \$500 million have gone unpaid since October 1989. It said similar debts have been run up before, but were always taken care of by credits from the foreign economic bank.

Many foreign companies have been giving their Soviet partners more time to make good on their debts.

A Western diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Soviet current account debt has been steadily growing as imports continue to surpass exports.

US wants political input in trade talks

TOKYO, June 27, (UPI): Trade talks with Japan have snagged, and the United States wants Japanese political leaders to get involved, a senior US administration official on the negotiating team said today.

"We have said that we needed political input on both sides at higher levels than the negotiators," he told reporters at

a briefing. President Bush already made an important contribution to the talks by announcing yesterday that he will consider new taxes to cut the federal deficit, the official said. Bush's proposals were welcomed by Japanese officials, but some expressed doubts about cougressional co-operation.

The structural impediment initiative talks, which are aimed at easing the nearly \$50 billion trade imbalance between the two nations, were nearing a Thursday noon (0300 GMT) deadline with aumerous issues auresolved, the official said.

He said the talks would end by noon Thursday, whether or not agreement was reached, but left open the possibility that they could resume shortly in the United States.

was the level of Japanese spending on public works, he said.

The US side has been asking Japan to commit itself to spend \$3.2 trillion on improving the nation's infrastructure.

The US says this will increase Japan's imports and contribute to reducing its trade surplus. Japan says that spending more than \$2.7 trillion would seriously worsen inflation. The difference in figures has

become a serious sticking point, one that the United States wants political leaders to resolve. "We have heard no new number. We have not reached tentative agreement on any public invest-ment numbers," said the senior

President Bush's "political courage" in offering to consider new tax revenues to cut the federal deficit should be matched by Japanese leaders on the public

works issue, he suggested. leadership had sounded out the opinions of communist chiefs in the republics and different

regions.
"The majority of those republics and regions were in favour of going on with the dates (as scheduled)," he said.

Medvedev said that a full meeting of the approximate 250-member central committee sometime this week will discuss the dates of

(But) from my point of view, the Congress will open July 2," he The central committee will also

discuss the party programme to be adopted at the congress.

The only surprise in the party programme, published in the daily Communist Party paper Pravda today, was a sole reference to "workers private property" — a concept once anathema in the socialist Soviet where all means of production are state-owned in the name of the people.

Last year, a law on property passed by parliament studiously avoided use of the term "private property", but conceded it all but

E. Germans worried about future

Few cheers for monetary union

EAST BERLIN, June 27, (Reuter): This time next week East Germans will have hard currency to their names for the first time in decades. But few are cheering.

Far from feeling richer, most peo-ple are too scared of the future to splurge on televisions, Hi-Fi sets or Mediterranean tours, at least for

"How can we think about going on foreign holidays or buying cars? We don't even know if we're going to get paid next month, an East Berlin book editor said. Most East Germans see only a

large question mark hanging over their lives afer July 1, the day their economy is taken over by West Ger-many and the legacy of 40 years of communist central planning is abolished at a stroke. The chance to swap their worthless

currency for West German marks may be the key to an economic boom in the future, but for the next few months everyone expects only price rises, unemployment, and even social

"Before, East Germans had a relatively quiet life, a life with a future. Now only the present counts," said real estate agent Lutz The adjustment is likely to be

traumatic. Every familiar activity, from paying bills to shopping to applying for a new job, will change

amost overnight.

"Many things we always thought of as normal are now disappearing," said Ute Meissner, a doctor. "We never had to shop around for goods, for instance. If we found something, and the beach." We'll be to leave the same than t we just bought it. We'll have to learn

to compare prices."

For the last two weeks East Germans have spent hours queueing for special bank accounts to convert their savings into hard currency at various exchange rates.

West German shops and banks hoping to catch new custom early are offering generous credit terms to East Germans, encouraging them to spend money they do not even have

Volkswagen and Mercedes cars have begun to appear with East German number plates, but banking experts believe only a minority will be

induced to spend so much so quickly.

I can't understand why anyone would want to accumulate 10,000 marks (\$6,000) of debt before they've even started." Meissner said. "Most people are going to wait and see how much everything is going to cost

With subsidies on day-to-day goods and services due to be abolished and new taxes introduced, East Germans will have to meet West German living costs, but on pay packets far lower than their Western cousins. Teachers and nurses earn about 1,000 marks (5600) a month in East Berlin, In the Western half of the city



they get 3,000 marks (\$1,800) a

Many struggling East German companies may default on pay cheques because they will not be able to muster enough hard currency each month. Redundancies are likely to come thick and fast, hitting the handicapped and the weak hardest.

"People won't dare call in sick in case they lose their jobs," Meissner said. For a country long used to total job security and a lax approach to work hours and productivity, such pressure will come as a profound

Unemployment, officially non-existent under communism, is expected to reach up to three million, one third of the work force, in the next

Among the biggest losers will be those who did perhaps best under communism — industrial workers, civil servants, working mothers and artists — all people enjoying gen-erous welfare benefits and subsidies on rent and day-to-day goods.
Out-moded, inefficient factories

and highly polluting brown coal mines that provide the bulk of the country's energy are sure to be early. victims of the new economic grider.
Universities, artists' studios and film companies will lose their grants.
Vast public bureaucracies will be sla-

shed for lack of funds.
The media looks shaky too, just as it is getting used to freedom. Broadcasting is set to be regionalised and thousands of jobs cut under German

unification. Many newspapers face overwhelming competition from the Likely winners will be those employed by Western companies for new enterprises in East Germany.

Banks have promised 15 per cent pay

rises for East German employees.

Some Western experts forecas East German will eagerly roll their sleeves up and show the same busi ness flair as the West Germans. But some East Germans themselves are

after 40 years of communism.

ised training programmes at beau

office.
The government also hopes a new

entrepreneur class will emerge to pul the country towards economic

However, many of the country' youngest and brightest left for the West in the last year — 500,000 have emigrated in 18 months. No one

knows how much initiative or com

petitive instinct East Germans have

not so sure. "In the past the emphasis wa always on equality and people wen not brought up to be self-sufficient, said Streicher, who set up his own fla rental agency in February.

Bureaucracy has been slow to move with the times and would-be entrepreneuts complain they have to wait months to be allocated office space despite thousands of vacan

The new binsiness class will als have to face the resentment of man East Germans resisting what they se as an invasion of hollow, materials tic Western values. Five East Berlin women, true &

the socialist ideals they were brough up with, are trying to set up an inter national solidarity group.

In the past they would have bee encouraged but this week thei request for money and office space was turned down.

"We would have had more luck we had applied to set up a per show," one of the women said ha

Some foreign companies buyeous services with of side broke sours source

ILO adopts nightwork standards

GENEVA, June 27, (UPI): Ending a 3-week annual session, the International 153000 (1LU) 200Ptc0 nightwork for women and improving safety in the chemical industry.

The 2,000 government, employer and worker delegates from 139 states belonging to the UN labour agency also completed first-stage of discussion on better working conditions in the hotel and restaurant sector.

A convenion dating back to 1948 which prohibited all nightwork for women in industry was revised by the conference to permit certain jobs for limited hours.

in industry was revised by the conference to permit certain jobs for limited hours if approved by competent government authorities.

Extra safeguards were adopted for pregnant women and young mothers.

The conference also adopted an entirely new international convention on nightwork in general regardless of sex.

The convention defines nightwork as "a period of not less than consecutive hours including the interval from midnight to 5 am."

Various safeguards included health checks before and at regular intervals

during assignment, adequate first-aid facilities, and compensation in the form of working time, pay or similar benefits.

Another new convention adopted by the ILO's 1990 assembly laid down stricter safety measures in the use of hazardous chemicals.
Employers will in future be obliged among other things to provide workers with full information about the chemical substances being handled and allow for worker participation in protection programmes.

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Kobe Cast Iron	1610	+40	Tokyo Electron Ltd	4670	+ 170
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Japan's Sokaiya readying foraction

hundreds of companies planning general shareholders meetings tomorrow, Japan's "Sokaiya" racketeers are ready for action again, seeking hush money to leave the sessions undisturbed.

This year, police say, a new breed of racketeer backed by Japan's largest underworld syn-

dicate may be seeking a foothold in the nation's capital.

"Several Sokaiya groups that are apparently backed by Yamaguchi-Gumi have been increasingly active in western Japan, and some of these are also believed to be opening new operations in the Tokyo area, said a National Police Agency report.
Though the 20,000-plus-mem-

ber Yamaguchi-Gumi syndicate, based in western Japan, had largely kept away from Tokyo in the past, it has recently been consolidating its forces nation-wide, often sparking violent battles for

The National Police Agency report, which used "strength-ened surveillance," said that of the 1,307 Sokaiya in Japan, 91 are known gangsters. Another 123 gangsters are involved in Sokaiya activities, but are not considered full-time racketeers.

Sokaiya racketeers, who often pose as analysts or consultants, extort money from companies by threatening to make embarrassing comments or otherwise dis-

rupt their annual shareholders meetings. Tokyo, as Japan's financial centre, is home to about 900 such

racketeers, roughly 70 per cent of the national total, said Yoshihiro Kondo, head of the metropolitan police department's organised crime division.

Trump must learn to live within his means: \$450,000 a month NEW YORK, June 27, (Reuter): In a city forced into an austerity programme that will

filled with thousands of homeless people forced to beg in the streets for coins, real estate tycoon Donald Trump has been told he must learn to subsist on an allowance of \$450,000 a

Trump, as part of an agreement with his banks to avert default of his considerable real estate and casino empire, will be forced to scale back his tavish lifestyle which includes \$1,800 suits and private chefs in his three homes.

Bankers said yesterday that Trump will be

first slash his cash expenditures to \$450,000 a month for the rest of the year, \$375,000 a month in the following year and then \$300,000 monthly in 1992.

Trump, 44, is being forced to live within his

means because of the soaring debts on his sprawling real estate and casino empire. The earnings his properties generated were simply not large enough to support his lifestyle as well as his debts.

The former billionaire won \$20 million in

emergency funding yesterday from his banks

after weeks of talks, providing him with the cash to make an interest payment that was due at midnight. Had he missed the payment Trump could have found himself in bankrup

trump could have found minisen in Danki up tey court by today, bankers said.

Trump will give up security on his proper-ties in return for the loan and suspension of interest payments on a portion of his \$2 billion bank debt.

At the same time. Trump will have to learn

to live in the manner of the mere rich, mstead of the super-rich lifestyle to which he has become accustomed

The second secon

prevent hunger in the 12-nation bloc succeeded much too well, so now EEC farmers are being invited to grow cereals to make trash bags or petrol substitutes instead of bread, EEC This could be the first scheme to encourage

France unemployment: The number

of jobless people in France dropped by 1,100 in

May to 2,480,200, according to the seasonally adjusted figures released today by the Labour

Ministry.
Overa year ending May 1990, unemployment

in France has declined by 49,400 or 2 per cent.
The Labour Minister, Jean-Pierre Soisson.

expressed satisfaction at the drop registered in May, even though it was very little compared to the minus 23,000 of the previous month.

The unemployment rate did not change, remaining at 9.3 per cent of the country's labour

Try corn into plastic: European Econ-

omic Community farm ministers yesteday endorsed a search for useful things to do with

food besides eating it.

The EEC's post-World War Two drive to

new, non-edible uses for food crops. The idea is

to keep up farmers' incomes by allowing them to grow something they can sell, while preventing subsidised food mountains. (Reuter)

Chrysler for car rentals: Chrysler

Corp., carving out a sure outlet for its cars in the sluggish auto market, said yesterday it will buy Dollar Rent a Car, the fourth-largest worldwide rental car system.

Chrysler already owns two car rental companies, Thrifty and Snappy, which were purchased one year ago.

Chrysler subsidiary Pentastar Transportation group, the holding company that operates
Thrifty and Snappy, signed the agreement to

buy Dollar Rent a Car.
The Dollar unit, with 1,000 locations worldwide, has an average rental fleet of 80,000 vehi-cles, including 51,000 in North America, Chrysler said. (Reuter)

Nicaragua devaluation: Nicaragua devalued its currency 6.3 per cent against the US dollar yesterday, the latest in a wave of devaluations since President Violeta Chamorro took office in April, the Central Bank said. The Central Bank said the official dollar rate

rose to 320,000 cordobas from the former 300,000 cordoba rate. The parallel market rate was aligned with the official rate two weeks ago and was subject to the same devaluation.

Budget Committee.

tion where a lot of Republican

candidates are going to be forced

to position themselves against

their own president," said

Republican political strategist

"If they don't do that, by definition they are running on a

platform of higher taxes."
Within hours of the Bush

announcement, more than 70

Republicans signed a letter to the

President telling him they were "stunned" by his decision.

ble," said the letter, drafted by

representative Robert Walker, a

ged off Bush's statement as insig-

"I don't read it as my change,"

said Senator Pete Domenici, a

New Mexico Republican and

ranking member of the Senate

Pennsylvania Republican.

"A tax increase is unaccepta-

But other Republicans shrug-

Eddie Mahe

IBM's low-priced: International Business Machines Corp. unveiled a new line of personal computers yesterday with prices starting at less than \$1,000, marking its re-entry into the competitive home computer market.

The company said its current foray represents

a marked improvement over its previous attempt in 1983, when IBM introduced the ill-fated PCJR and then discontinued the line two IBM hopes to avoid its former missteps by drawing on extensive consumer research.

Mitsui to buy Unisys stock: Mitsui and Co., a major Japanese trading house, said today it will purchase \$150 million of Unisys Corp. stock, making it the largest shareholder in the Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, computer com-

Entertainment for kids is back in vogue

Firoze Rangoonwalla Arab Times Correspondent

IT IS now 'Kideo' trying to capture the video market' for juveniles (and also grown-ups who have not really grown up). There was a need for Indian cassettes on programmes targeted for child audiences, who were relying on the imported stuff. Kids of rich families allowed to dabble with VCR's had become addicted to 'Toons' and Puppets from abroad.

The Kideo Entertainment Pvt Ltd. was recently set up, their motto: "Video for kids". Based in bombay. they have organised a distribution nerwork in Delhi, Madras and Calcutta. For a start, they have relied on the popular foreign programme GLO Friends and Super Ted. They have obtained the exclusive copyrights for India and also got censor certificates

for the cassettes, which are displayed with the copyright declaration on the

This may keep some off 'Kideo piracy' at least for some time. The company wants to expand and bring in other cassettes like My Lutte Pony (being shown on Indian TV), Fireman um. World's Greatest Players and World of Guinness Records, Later, some Indian items may also be tagged on. Tolu Bajaj and N.R.T. Murali Manohar are the brains behind the new scheme If it succeeds, more will join the race.

This and the summer vacation awakened the sleepy Children's Film Society (CFS) from slumber. Shabana Azmi as the new chairperson has to show results, especially in comparison with what Jaya Bachchan (Bhaduri) did last year. So the Society's official producer Parvatt Menon was helped to complete her film quickly for a summer telease. It is called Trivatri.

Previews and press conferences were held to get limelight. An Academy called Privadarshini was roped in as a co-sponsor along with its bouncy chairman Nanik Rupani. A prennere was also arranged at Bombay's Eros. with boring speeches by politicians and others.

Trivatri is deliberately called a youth film, so that it may draw children of all age groups. But the commercial release at three theatres brought ordinary results, despite the tax-free tickets. It seems kids are not interested in films specially doctored for them. Nor were they attracted by a tie-up contest of questions in which the prizes were bicycles.

Parvati Menon, who has specialised in children's films has done a good job, even persuading stars like Mum-mootty, Litpal Dutt, Dara Singh, Mohan Bhandari to act in it. Prashant Bhatt, Tashi Lama and Ryan Beek appear as the three boy travellers, in a tather improbable story. They fail to pri admission in a particular college and become depressed. One grand old papa tells them to make up for it, by going on a cycle tour from Rajasthan lo Kanyakemari

The cross-country tour is supposed to be a better education for the boys, as they meet a variety of earthy people, experience their inter-actions, realise human qualities and also face trials and challenges. Of course it would not solve the hard problems of formal education and employment. Anyway the film provided a good opportunity to sin up interest in the kid cinema movement among the top brass of

Shahana wearing an old-fashioned sari and hair style at the premiere declared more plans. The CFS would make six feature films before next

March. A sum of Rs 165 lakhs had been sanctioned by the government. (We hope it won't go the way the earlier funds of CFS vanished.) Indian TV would set apart a time slot for them. And they will also be packaged in video cassettes for domestic and overseas markets. A huge 10-crore complex for children's cinema is to be set up at Bangalote.

A further step was an agreement signed between India and Mauritius for the exploitation of Ankur, Mama Aur Kabaotar. Since the film was co-produced last year by the two countries, this was a mere formality, of signing a pact by Shabana for CFS and Bijoy Madhu for Mauritius Film Development Corporation. The film came into focus because it jointly won the best children film honour at the recent National Awards.

Based on a story "Operation Pink Pigeon" and shot entirely in

Mauritius, the film by Madan Bawair pleads for the preservation of nature and wild life, especially conserving the near-extinct pink pigeon, found only in that country. The film was also highlighted at the international children's film festival organised in Delhi by Jaya Bachchan on a grand scale.

Thematically there was not much of common ground between the two countries to justify the co-production. So an Indian ornithologist was shown going to Mauritius. With him was his grandson called Ankur, who found a local friend Maina, as they roamed through the beautiful country. They wage a battle to save the Kabootar pink pigeons, facing the wrath of even a witch called Madam Zozo.

The other film sharing the National Award was Jambo Sawari, made in Kannada and now being dubbed in other languages. It showed a young

village boy Samba living in poverty with his grand-parents. The track of Tapan Sinha's superb Safed Hauthi was again followed, as the boy wins a white baby jumbo in a lottery. This becames a liability to his family and a nuisance to the villagers, but a source of joy with adventure for Samba and the local children. The conflict raised the question whether the elephant will be happy in his jungle habitat or with

those who love him. A really breath-taking adventure made some time ago by the wild life expert R. Whitaker was The Boy & The Crocodile or Mudhalai. Scenes of a pregnant crocodile taking shelter in a pool, digging the nest, laying eggs, hatching them in the mouth, and being finally beloed by children to escape to the river as villagers come to kill it. went to make gripping and thrilling fare. But the film has still not been released by Children's Film Society.

Salman Khan

'I confess'

AM going to be honest, even if it means appearing arrogant and losing a reader's regard. Probably a punishment should be meted out to me for having scatter respect for that golden bowl craved for by us all fame. Success and I have just got acquainted, so I will refer to it as my pal. I even view him as Satan in disguise and feel guilt grow within me. Am I an odd guy just because I refuse to be straitjacketed by the occupational hazards of my art? I like to think not. My pal, he won't let be me - play the part, he commands, of a star whose film grossed more than even Sholay. For starters, he cannot understand my

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dislike of film-journalists. He cannot grasp my fear of watching my private life being turned into a public circus. Why do I have to reveal who I love, why this compulsion for "logether" pictures and coy copy? I never did it before my release, so why adhere now? When I read Kevin Costner's and Tom Cruise's interviews in Esquire I learn. readers get to know them, their art. But of what use is an article chronicling my sex life? Magazines carrying such pieces inevitably end up with a bhelpuriwallah, because no one wants to file as reference what Salman Khan the stud does at night. Excuse me, I said to pal, I am not going to be victimised by these pen-pushers. The one good side to this success story is

the actual performance, I feel so alive when I am in front of the camera. Reading the script, going over the dialogues, the lightmen, the sound man, the ready, action and cut... those moments are tangible, I draw my inspiration from them. Tomorrow l am starting a new tilm at rith and my greatest tension is, will I be able to get sleep tonight? This is, in my view, the only profession in the world where you grow as a person each day. You are constantly working on yourself, transmuting ideas, imbibing from the character etched out for you to play. And the response is so instant. Two days ago, a very harassed-looking couple came to my sets with a little kid. They told me their son refused to drink his milk. and requested me to persuade him to do so. The director was waiting, the song was playing and I was busy telling the child to have milk and bananas daily.

I believe that all this adulation isn't for me. The real recipient is Prem of Maine Pyar Kiya. It's him they love, not me. I feel guilty, in a way, for stealing his audience. I really do. If I am questioning the potency of success it is because I have spent considerable time inspecting it pre-and-post-period. Today I stand at bandstand in Bandra and the girls scream, cry out my name. Before my film, as I stood contemplating by the sea, I was called a lech. a bloody ogler.

What really arrests, my attention is genuine praise. A few nights ago at the Oye Oye show I was called on stage. I had no item, I was not prepared, I was nervous and shy. That is what I said at the mike. As I



Salman Khain teenage idol

walked down, a junior artiste came up to me. She held my hand and cried, without a word. This woman's applause, this woman who must have been nothing more than a dancer in the eighteenth row, made me proud. Amjad Khan was standing a few metres away. He walked towards me and said, "It is not Maine Pyar Kiya that is important, this is. If this happens to you all the time, you are here for ever.

I confess I don't know acting, I know only emoting. I can't be like Hoffman or the other greats and speak of the different schools of

drama or about the importance of method acting. My teacher is life. If I am asked to project anger, I return to my memory bank; if they want me to appear dejected. I recall past emotions. I am the father of a dead child - I may never have experienced that, but I have seen my uncle die and grief is, I believe, universal. Pain may have an identity, but it has no gender. When I run

out of experience, I will rely on inspiration. When I run out of inspiration, I will be 60. I want my art to be a vehicle to transport my parents, who have gone hungry for me

and my brothers and sisters without letting us know, to the field of their dreams. I want my art to be constantly good, at a certain level, though I know that what soars to the skies must fall. What good is so much success when it cannot become for me a weapon to fight this basic law? I want to do more action, but they want me to be the loverboy. Action, because it gives you a longer innings. Amitabh Bachchan and Rajesh Khanna were both superstars, yet the guy with the gun outlived the romantic with the rose. But I cannot stand up and protest.

They are likely to say, hey shortie, sit down

and shut up.

The other disturbing factor is the crowds I have to contend with. I want to be alone when I am depressed with the little upsets in my love-life, I want to be alone when I am disillusioned with the interpretation of a scene. I want very often to be alone, but my new pai, success, reminds me I am Salman Khan, not Greta Garbo.

Courtesy: The Illustrated Weekly of India

• Roopa (Draupadi) Ganguly seems all confused about how to shape her career, whether expose and use hero tie-ups or not. While she says "rubbish" about her so-called affairs with Mithun and the Bengali editor of a leading English weekly, she is more confused on the question to strip or not to strip. Here are her words (if they make sense at all): "I am willing to expose and why not? I can't say I will never expose or wear scanty dresses. But I don't mean I should do that. I can't confirm anything. This is the film industry."

• Mithun has wangled a role for fellow -Bengali Roopa in director Bapaiah's and producer Shabanam Kapoor's Pyar Ka Devia The lady producer found Roopa snooty but did not dare to offend the hero. When questioned, Mithun only said that he was being helpful to a "refugee" from Calcutta. Indeed, without him, Roopa would only be doing silly roles and dances with Javed Jaffrey in films like "Aman Ke Farishtay."

● It is being said that Henna is being rushed due to the deteriorating relations between India and Pakistan. Randhir seems unsure whether Zeba will be able to come for shootings to India and keeps a big reserve stock of her various closeups. They are also talking of shooting in Switzerland, since filming it in Pakistan has been ruled out.

 After Naseer, Aaditya and Jaffrey stopped dressing up like women, for Anil Sharma's Tahelka, Chunky has followed suit. The difference is that the awkwardly tall guy willingly offered to do it, as he believes he would be copying Sri Drvi dressed in white. It will be a great pity if the censors cut the scene from Swaroop Kumar's Jeevan Daata under the new clause of "crudity."

 In the Telugu-dubbed version of Maine Pyar Kiya, the censors wanted to cut out the title song and dance based on the famous tune "I just called to say." They also wanted to reduce the fight scenes. And this, after millions all over the country have seen it in full in the Hindi version. Luckily the Barajatya people got it cleared.

 The focus is on Amitabh Bachchan once again as Ajooba gets readied for release. For the ... time speculations are ... about his standing at the box-office. It may be recalled that it was on the sets of this magnum opus that the star gave his first round of zeroxed interviews which the press eagerly lapped up. It remains to be seen if the audience will do the same to his film. For producer-director Shashi Kapoor's sake, we hope they will. He surely deserves success after the tremendous effort he has put in.

• Soni Razdan Bhatt is screaming for recognition and roles. She is even willing to play the seductress but everyone chooses to turn a deaf ear to her pleas, as they feel it wouldn't be appropriate to offer a negative role to their colleague Mahesh Bhatt's wife. Though Mahesh Bhatt himself doesn't mind what Soni does. "Somehow, nobody has the guts to cast me in an unconventional role," laments Soni, feeling extremely frustrated.

Book reviews asia

Vivid images of turn-of-the-century frontier

Killing Mr Watson, By Peter Mat-

(Randon House, 346 pp., \$21.95) On Oct 24, 1910 just days after one of the worst hurricanes ever blasted ashore in Florida, and in a place where the everglade deltas and the ten thousand islands stretch out to meet the Gulf of Mexico, a band of his neighbour-settlers gunned down Edgar Watson.

From this sketchy historical incident Peter Matthiessen has created a stunning and overwhelming novel. an evocative and brilliant story that is one of the best works of fiction in

The book has the feel of a historical examination. Matthiessen uses the techniques of oral history, with infrequent intrusions of material from historical accounts and spare comments on veracity from the contemporary historian-author. In so doing. he vividly recreates turn-of-the-century Florida, every bit a frontier then

as the US Wild West The people are poor whites, blacks, Indians, mulatios, outlaws on the run, most struggling to make a living, to bring a decency and order to their lives

and community. At their centres stands Watson, fearsome legend --- the murder of Belle Starr was attributed to him - friendly neighbour, prosperous farmer ever elusive.
"Say what you like about Mister

Watson, Mamie Smallwood observes, "He looked and acted like our idea of a hero." But heroes can breed resentment as well as respect, fear and envy as well as emulation.

And a growing terror gathered around Watson as he was linked in

people's minds to a growing number of

Matthiessen's novel is an often lyrical creation of the physically overwhelming feel of the frontier landscape. It is also a magnificent, compelling and compulsive exploration of human character, especially character on the edge of history, civilization and survival. While it offers a simple solution or explanation to Watson's life or death, it is nonetheless brilliant.

"G" is for Gumshoe, By Sue Graf-

(Henry Holt, 261 pp., \$16.95)
Sue Grafton has decreed that "G" is for Gumshoe," which is what Kinsey Milhone has to hire because a convict in a Nevada prison decided to put out contracts on everyone who helped put him behind bars.

Milhone, a southern California private detective, learns on her 33rd birthday that she made the list, and that the hit person enjoys his work so much he's willing to kill her for less than \$1,500. The Carson city, Nevada, prosecutor who delivers the news suggests she hire a bodyguard, and refers

her to an investigator he knows. She decides to go on with her life instead, taking reasonable precautions. That lasts until someone shoots

Grafton keeps the plot going with the mystification, style and wit her readers have come to take for granted. One motel room scene in particular

belongs in some sort of hall of fame. This time she even throws a crumb or two to people who's been concerned about Milhone's sex life, though it won't satisfy those who long for her to settle down with a nice guy.

Message from NAM, by Danielle

(Delacorte, 389 pp., \$21.95) Danielle Steel's 25th novel — a sure best-seller in the formula writing that has served her well — features a female journalist in Vietnam.

In a story with tears, trials, tragedies and ultimate triumphs, from the usual mother who doesn't understand to the boss who does, Steel takes us on the tried and true path of broken hearts

repaired by time and new love. Heroine Paxton Andrews writes a widely acclaimed column about the real war and meets and falls in love with a real war hero. Readers follow the prisoner of war trials to the fall of Saigon when the hero miraculously reappears, and he and Paxton live hap-

pily ever after. This novel takes no imagination to read. It follows the Steel formula. It will please all of Steel's readers, who apparently ask nothing more of her.

"I had a misunderstanding

with Sonam when people around her demanded money for Ajooba. But we sorted it out when she rang me up.' "Speaking bad words is in my

blood. The very first word. I

spoke after I was born was not munimy or daddy but a bad word." "Aamir Khan, behind my

back, refused to do a film with me. And he had always been so sweet to me. What hypocrisy!"

"I have lost count of the rape scenes done by me in films meant for revenge. Now it's difficult to bring freshness in rape scenes." Dimple

"Dimple is my wife. Only we don't stay together. Ask her why she is not seeking a legal divorce.?"

- Rajesh Khanga "I have spoken enough on Salman, and I have nothing else to say. No plans of marriage yet. I just want to concentrate on my career."

- Sangeeta "It'd cost the Ramsays a packet to make me look

horrifying." — Anupam Kher

Cinderella slipper slips away

derella doesn't want to try on the glass more nightmares than sweet dreams in slipper because it might fit.

You'd have to marry me," she tells the prince, "and that ain't what you want. You don't want the slipper to fit nobody.

What's wrong with wanting to live a dream," the prince asks sullenly. Ah, says Cinderella, "In a dream, only thing love can't cure."

NEW YORK, (UPI): Fancy that, Cin- you got to play by the rules and there's my experience. In real life, you got a chance to make your own rules to be the king you can be."

He pleads with her to try on the slipper.
"It may not fit," she says "because it

was got by magic and... regret is the

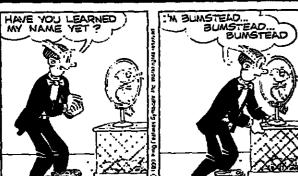
Will she try on the slipper? Will it fit? You'll find the answer in William Brooke's wonderfully droil "A Telling of the Tales" (Ill. Richard Egielski, Harper and Row, 135 pp, \$12.95, ages 5-12). You'll also discover a little mas-

Were you a wild duck where would you go? by George Mendoza (Ill. Jane

Osborn-Smith, Stewart Tabori Chang, 32pp, \$14.95, all ages). The narrator of this dreamy book is a wild mallard, searching for home amid the ruined landscape that one was "safe and lovely and green and lush." It is a gently told horror story of pollution and reckless greed. The extraordinary watercolours are detailed and diamond-faceted.

LEISURE

BLONDIE — By Dean Young & Stan Drake







HAGAR THE HORRIBLE - By Dik Browing





AGATHA CRUMM - By Bill Hopes

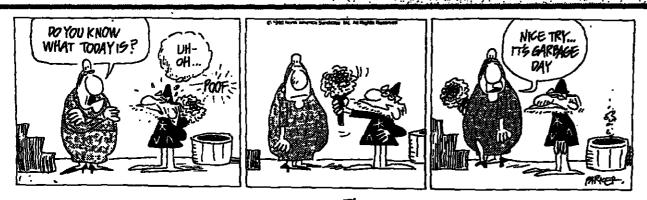


BEETLE BAILEY—By Mort Walker





THE WIZARD OF ID - By Brant Parker & Johnny, Hart



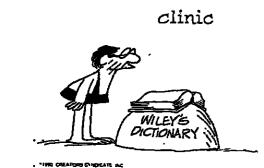
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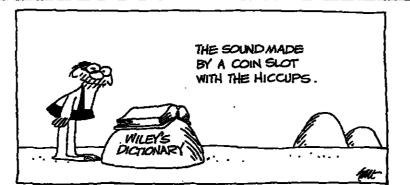






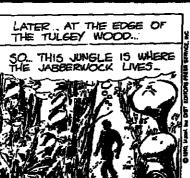
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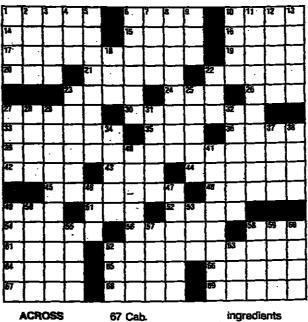
HE-MAN — By G. Forton & J. Skul







TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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answer to previous puzzle TALL LIFT ASPS

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF USE YOUR ENTRIES WELL

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paradise when every hand they pick for declarer to come to nine tricks up contains an establishable suit without first letting the defenders with a couple of fast entries. Until collect two spades, two clubs and a then, they must make the best use of diamond. Any other defense allows what they are dealt.

With 19 points and a five-card Now there are those who might South was content with the final make their own luck.

West led a low spade and declarer allowed East's king to win. Declarer ducked again when East continued with the jack and most Wests we know would have played low. Another spade from East would fetch declarer's ace and set up two long cards in the West hand, although which card West thought might be an entry to the spade winners boggles our minds.

The thoughtful defender puts his spade suit to work. Since it might be critical for East to have the lead come through dummy once more, our West will overtake the jack of spades with his queen. Having done that, the right shift is obvious-West must redirect the attack by leading the ten of clubs.

Defenders will know they are in That does it. Now there is no way declarer to romp home in comfort.

suit, North had an easy raise to say West was lucky to find his partgame after his partner's one no ner with both missing club honors. trump response. Needless to say, We can only reiterate: Good players



YOUR STARS



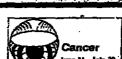
A personal circumstance is liable to prove a little upsetting. Try to make the best of it and look on the bright side. You should keep your eyes wide open and not allow your-self to be deceived. Be amenable.



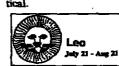
instead of permitting litter to accumulate you should be more tidy. Make sure you do not let a relative stranger into a family secret. Something you have been taking for granted will prove to be wrong. Be willing to learn.



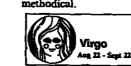
Not everything is as you would wish it to be but somethings are better than you had expected. Do not be slow in showing your gratitude. Do not allow your social life to become the most important aspect of your life. Be generous.



You are more likely to trip over things and to leave articles behind and should take preventive measures. Do your best to avoid getting into an argument. Make sure you do not spend more than you can readily afford. Be prac-tical.

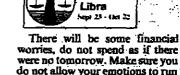


You will not always find it easy to stay on good terms with your neighbours. However you should do your best not to annoy them nor your friends. Do ensure that you are properly dressed for the occasion, not too ostentations. Be methodical.



You will tend to be rather jealous and resentful and should do your utmost to counter the trend. Avoid growing out of touch with current events. And keep abreast of new developments in your field. Be





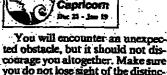
do not allow your emotions to run away with you. You would do well to think again about what to do before acting. Be fair.



if you have to go on a journey make sure you do not leave making arrangements until the last minute. You would do well to avoid allowing your personal papers to get out of order. Rid yourself of prejudices and preconceptions. Be sensible.



You will have a lot to do and should avoid trying to do too many things all at once. Do not exag-gerate the difficulties but do-not seek to ignore them either, Make sure you do not lose sight of or obscure your objectives. Be relia-



courage you altogether. Make sure you do not lose sight of the distinc-tion between what is and what is not possible. Check your facts and do not rely on guesswork. Be tact-



Even if not everything is in your favour you should not allow your-self to take too gloomy a view of things. You should avoid making a decision on the spur of the moment, but there is nothing to be gained by procrastinating.



You must appreciate that you cannot have your way in all things.
Pay a little more attention to what others are saying. Your lucky numbers are 19 and 36. Avoid becoming too set in your ways. Be matter of fact



"This one comes with a lifetime guarantee."



"Double cheese, with 'Happy Birthday' in mushrooms.

By Clement Crisp Ballet Correspondent "Financial Times" London

THE Rambert Dance Company, originally known as Ballet Rambert, is Britain's oldest dance troupe. It was founded in 1926 as an extention of the classes

given in London by Marie Rambert.

Born in Poland in 1888, she went to Paris as a free-style dancer, studied eurhythmics with Emile Jaques-Dalcroze, and was engaged by Diaghiley to help Nijinsky work on the choreography for Stravinsky's "Le Sacre du Printemps," whose premiere he was about to stage for the Ballet Russe

In 1918 Rambert married the English playwright Ashley Dukes, and settled in London. There she opened a ballet school, but her great talent was as a nurse — and sometimes goad — to her gifted students whom she encouraged by every means to dance as expressive artists and become choreogra-

phers.
With few resources, save her own indomnable will and energy, she started to give performances with her students, shaping such talents as Frederick Ashton, Antony Tudor, Walter Gore, and Andree Howard. In the tiny Mercury Theatre in London's Notting Hill Gate she put on fine ballets, some of which -- early pieces by Ashton and Tudor -survive to delight audiences in the international repertory to this day.

Through the vicissitudes of 40 years, the company created, struggled and triumped. Then in 1966 it underwent a radical change of image when Norman Morrice, another Rambert discovery, became joint director of the troupe with its founder, by now Dame Marie Rambert.

From being a troupe wholly devoted to classical ballet, the company embraced modern dance influences. It flourished in its new identity, produc-ing works by such choreographers as Christopher Bruce - a dancer with the company - the influential American, Glen Tetlet, and Morrice himself.

At a time when modern dance in Britain was starting to gain a devoted new public, Ballet Rambert was again in the forefront of creativity. A significant moment came in 1981 when Richard Alston was invited to join the company as cheogra-

Alston had been strongly attracted to modern dance and had benefited from the foundation of the London Contemporary Dance School and Company in 1966. He had studied, performed and started creating works there, formed his own adventurous breakaway, group, Strider, then moved for two

years to New York, where he worked with Merce

On his return to London in 1978, Alston's creative style had much matured, and his arrival as choreographer with the Rambert was to produce some exciting and admirably clean-lined choreogra-

Dame Marie Rambert died in 1982. In 1986 Alston was invited to become artistic director of the company, which soon altered its name to the Rambert Dance Company, an acknowledgement of its clear new identity under his leadership.

In its earliest years during the late 1920s and early 30s, the Rambert company's productions boasted fine design and excellent music. Alston has shown a comparable imagination in engaging some of the most adventurous and interesting talents to contribute music and design, and has encouraged likemended choreographers to work for him.

Under his guidance, the Ramhert Dance Company has a strong personality and must be con-sidered the most alert and creatively brave of any dance ensemble - classical or modern -- in Britain

A fair idea of its character can be gained from the 1990 repertory. There are works designed by some of the brightest figures in British contemporary art Brace MacLean and Jack Smith — and scores by such distinguished composers as Harrison Birtwistie and Peter Maxwell Davies.

There is choreography by Alston himself, and by Siobhan Davies, who was with him at the London School of Contemporary Dance and with whom he collaborated in the early Strider experiments. Other choreographers include Merco Cunningham whose "Septet" the company dances exquisitely well and another important American creator, Trisha

There are to be new pieces by Alston, by Ashley Page — a dancer with the Royal Ballet who has now created three works for Rambert - and by Gary Lambert. There is also to be revival of one of the early Glen Tetley pieces that helped form the new Ballet Rambert image in the 1960s. The overall impression is of a company brimming

with vitality, creative energy, and an open-minded willingness to extend the boundaries of the repertory by involving fine and adventurous talents in its activities. It is identifiably Alston's company, of course, reflecting his constant quest for the new, but it is also a true and vivid extention of the old Ballet Rambert which gave so much and so influentially to the development of British ballet in the 1930s.



Amanda Britton and Paul Old dance "Soldat" for the Rambert Dance Company.

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tolead?

Find out why

ARE you a born leader? Do you find you are the one who seems to end up out in front quite naturally whenever someone is needed to take

Do people turn to you for a lead, to see what you think, before they decide which way to

To find out how much of a natural leader

you are, do the quiz below. All you have to do is decide which of the answers to each question in turn is true for you, or describes you or most has your support. If no option is a perfect fit, don't spend

too long worrying. Just tick the nearest one and go on to the next. 1. If you were driving a long a quiet road and you saw there had been an accident and another car had stopped just ahead of you. Would you:

a. stop and check the first aid and traffic flow

were being taken care of b. stop and take charge of the traffic

c. stop and give first aid

d. stop and give first and d. stop at the next phone box and check that the emergency services had been called e. as long as someone else had stopped, drive 2. Time yourself for a minute. In it, write

down as many things as you can think of that really make you angry. Count them. Did you

think of:

a. none b. one or two

c. three or four d. more than four?

3. You are on a 'plane and you see what you think is fuel running down the wing. Do you: a point it out to the person sitting next to you press the button for a cabin attendant and

c. go and find one of the crew and tell them quietly so you don't worry other passengers

d. say nothing in case you are just making a 4. You are passed a note during a speech telling you no-one remembered to arrange the vote of thanks to the speaker and asking you to

a. pass the note back with "no" scribbled

right across it e. suggest someone else who is better, on the

do it even though it is an ordeal for you spur of the moment.

e. do it without a second thought? 5. You go to a local residents' meeting. Do

speak only if something comes up that you

feel very strongly about b. be sure to speak about some issue c. c. probably speak about something

d. almost certainly not speak speak because you are on the committee? 6. What do you think are the most important qualities for a leader:

a. confidence and decisiveness b. ability to persuade others e. ability to listen to others d. the ability to relax and wait and see? 7. If you find yourself in a minority of one on

an issue you feel strongly about, do you: a. stand your ground and argue b. think you must be wrong change your



e. see if you can modify your views to make them less unpopular without doing a com- e. you don't know plete about-turn? You discover two good friends cannot stand one another. Do you:

a. keep them apart b. drop one

c. drop both

d. pretend not to notice. As they get to know one another better, they'll discover they were wrong?

 You are walking home late at night and think you are being followed. Do you:
 first check your suspicion by crossing the road and seeing what happens

b. feel your knees turn to jelly c. speed up and head for a house with lights, on or a telephone box

d. turn and confront the person behind you? 10. Do you think Mikhail Gorbachev: a. was lucky to be in the right place at the

right tune made his own opportunities c. has taken terrible risks and will probably lose his gamble in the end

d. is a brave man? 11. Would you most thank your fairy god-

mother for: 2 power b. wealth c. beauty d. more leisure?

12. Do you think the saying "leaders are born, not made" is: completely true

b. completely untrue

WHAT YOUR SCORE MEANS 150 — 230

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You are a natural leader. You have the confidence and the ability to take charge and take others where you want them to go. I'll bet, even as a child, you were the ring-leader in most of the mischief you were involved in. You are not one of life's sheep.

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You do not usually take the lead, if there is someone else around who is willing to do it. You'd rather stand back and let others take charge, leaving you free to go your own way,

But you have the ability, if the need really arises. You will step in if no-one else will, or if whoever does is making a hash of something you think is too important to let go by default.

Being a leader is your idea of torture. Never mind. It wouldn't work if everyone wanted to, and you are a much nicer person than a lot of those who scored higher than you on this quiz.



Hot n' Glassy Crystal Chambers Pumping Outside Slippery When Wet Coastal Cruising First Break Surf Safaris Cutback Kickout Goofy Foot Spinner Head Dip Sideslip Soul Arch Quasimoto Nose Tweak El Telephono Mysterioso Evening Glass Off Barefoot Adventure Rollercoaster Flyaway Hot Doggin' Bitchin' Spoonmeat Stoked n' Hooting E-Z in E-Z out Team Jimmy'z Sportwear





Al-Salmiya, Al-Wataniyah Building. Basement, opposite of Shaha Complex.

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Of Some Value

In some places,
I see people walking together,
Holding each other's hands,
Caring for one another,
That is what they all have on this land,
They are to each other of some value.

I look around,
what are these noises,
These sounds,
I hear people's noises,
I hear them shouting,
I hear them laughing,
That must be of some value.

But there are some places, Where there is no laughter, Shadows cover people's faces, For they are being slaughtered.

But if we were in their places,
We would know the price
Of their suffering and crying,
That should be considered of some value

But now we should open our eyes,
We should stop the crimes, stop the lies,
And make better ties, May be we can find a solution,
And stop the world from pollution,
But if we help one another
We could live together, forever,
And then maybe we could make this world
Of some value.

Faiza Mufti, 15 years old. AUDITOR BAKER CARPENTER CHEF

CLERK COOK DANCER

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Double-Barrelled Words

Pair up these objects to make four double-barrelled names

Happy birthday



Mary Suja Koshy turns 7 on Sandeep July 2.



Sandeep Dhupar turns 2 on June 29.



Ahmed Sakeen turns 2 on June 29.

Firsts and lasts

King George IV was the first person to own a pair of shoes made to fit his two feet. Previously all shoes were made to fit either foot.

The first English bank was not set up until

The last Dodo bird was killed in 1680 on the island of Madagascar off the east coast of Africa. This strange looking bird was in fact related to the pigeon family and was hunted for its meat by Portuguese sailors until it became extinct.

One of the first calculating machines was invented by Blaise Pascal when he was only nineteen years old.

In Ancient Greece they developed the first successful way of splitting marble slabs cleanly. They used corks which they wedged into the cracks and then soaked in water. Cork expands when wet so the marble broke neatly along the lines where the corks were placed.

Before 1790 all shoes had buckles; laces had not been invented.

Fancy dress

Match the children and their fancy dress clothes.



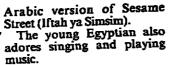
Reader of the Week

Canadian born May Zein El-Din is Junior Time's Reader of the Week. May who goes to one of the American schools in Kuwait, will be turning five soon. She enjoys drawing, playing and telling Tell me a tale

LIFE is full of joy and happiness for four-year-old Heba Khamis. Heba reveals new talents day after day. She always astonishes her family with her amazing ability to narrate televised children's stories and tales (drama and cartoons). She also imitates the dialogue of the characters of these stories which are written in classical Arabic.

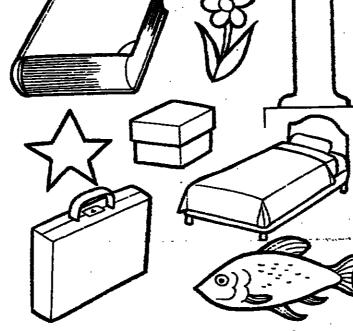
Heba has not started school yet, but she is learning how to read and write through the

If you follow every edition of Junior Times, you are qualified to become a Junior Times "Reader of the Week." Send in a recent 4x6 photograph and jot down your name, age, school and hobbies and send it to the Junior Times, C/O Arab Times.



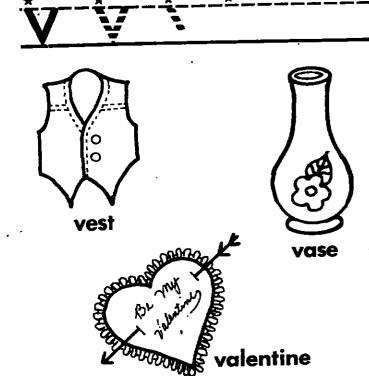


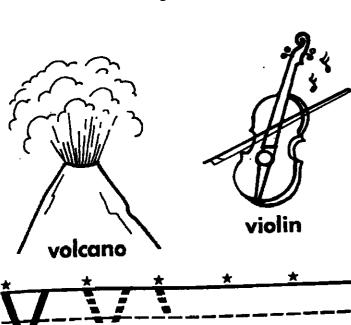
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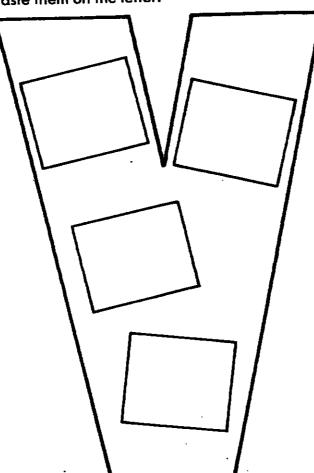
This is a v. Here are some pictures of words that begin with v. Point to each picture. Say the words. Color the pictures. Trace the letter v with a pencil. Practice making the letter.





Cut out pictures of things that begin with **v**.

Paste them on the letter.



Skills: Sound-letter association and lettersound discrimination.

Cut on the dotted lines.



Just for laughs!

Why is it dangerous to play cards in the jungle? 'Cos there are too many cheetahs about.

'My new horse is very wellmannered.'
'That's nice.'

'Yes, isn't it? Every time we

come to a jump he stops and lets me go first!'

A large sailing-ship was at anchor off the coast of Mauritius, and two dodos

watched the sailors rowing ashore. 'We'd better hide,' said the first dodo.

'Why?' asked the second.
'Because,' said the first, 'we're supposed to be extinct,

Name nine animals from Africa. Eight elephants and a giraffe.

Name four animals of the cat family. Mummy cat, Daddy cat and their two kittens.

When is a man-eating tiger likely to enter a house? When the door is open.

A policeman strolling on his

beat one day was astonished to see a man walking towards him with a fully-grown African lion on a lead. 'Hey!' said the policeman, 'you can't walk around with a

lion like that. Take him to the zoo.'
'Oh, all right, officer,' said the lion owner, and away he

But the next day the policeman was again confronted with the man and his fully-grown African lion

'Hey, you!' yelled the policeman, 'I thought I told you yesterday to take that lion to the zoo?'

walking along the pavement.

'I did,' came the reply, 'and today I'm taking him to the pictures.'



Measuring in litres



Use a litre measure.

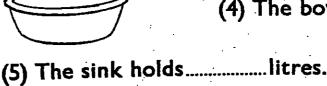
Fill it with water each time — right to the top — and find how many litres each of the containers will hold.

If it does not take an exact number of litres, write (nearly) or (just over) after your answer.

(1) The bucket holds.....litres.

(2) The jug holds.....litres

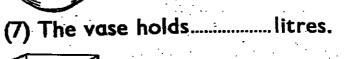
(3) The large bottle holds.....litres.

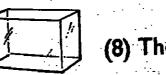


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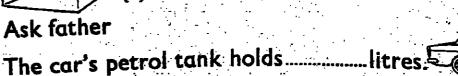


(6) The goldfish bowl holds.....litres





(8) The aquarium tank holds.....





JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior readers

To keep you company during the long lazy days of summer. Junior Times will be saying a section of its pages especially for you If you like drawing, writing poetry or stories, cooking, or reading you will have a good opportunity to share your hobby with

many other children of your oge This con be come traceign your towards Junior Times pages All you had to do is send in a photograph of yourself and the article you Would like to share with your triends to the address below. Remember to write your traine one age very clearly so as to avoid. disappointment.

Further, if you follow every edition of the Junior Times, you will be qualified to become the "Reader of the Week." For this all that is required is a 4 x 6 photograph. your name, age, habbies and school

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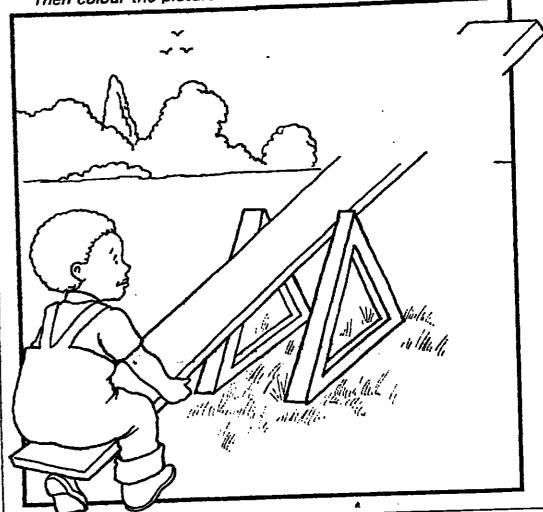
the other Junior Times readers through Welcome to Junior Times." For this, you should send in a 4 x 6 photograph, your name, age and a paragraph about yourself. The address to send to is: Junior Times. C/Q Arab Times, P.O Box 2270, 13023 Salat Kuwait.

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Rhyme time

Seesaw, Margery Daw, Johnny shall have a new master; He shall have but a penny a day, Because he can't work any faster.

Johnny is at the bottom of the seesaw. Draw someone at the top of the seesaw. Then colour the picture.



The first flight across the Atlantic took 16 hours and 12 minutes, this was achieved by two Englishmen called Alcock and Brown. In only 54 years, the time for crossing the Atlantic was reduced to 1 hour and 54 minutes.

The word 'canter' describes one of the paces of the horse. It was first called that because the Pilgrims

just outside the Houses of Parliament — until they became the world's first traffic lights to blow up!

The first Duke of Mariborough, who won the great victory at the battle of Blenheim against the French in 1704, was allerWhy do we

used to canter (a fairly fast speed) to the shrine of Thomas a Becket at Canterbury.

In 1886 the funeral arrangements were being made for a dead man, and his family were saying their last words to him, when one of them saw that he was still breathing. He

gic to cabbage.

Right up to the last century in Siberia solid blocks of tea were used as money instead of coins.

lived on for a further 30

There is a bridge at

Charenton-le-Pont in

France that was first built

in 52BC. It has had to be

rebuilt after destruction 17

a result. The word 'million' was

times.

The richest oil country in the world, Saudi Arabia, first got its name from the man who created it, Ibn Saud, in 1953. Saudi Arabia is the twelfth lar-

first used in 1370. Bram Stoker first had the idea of his horrible creagest country in the world, he had eaten crabs for supyet it has no rivers at all. per and had a nightmare as

Add the fractions and write the correct answer in the space provided.

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Happy holidays





YASMINE Samir Fahmi (left) and Sara Samir Fahmi (right)

recently left to Egypt for their summer holidays.
Eight and half year old Yasmine was born in England and now goes to the Gulf English School. She has worked hard this year and will be going to Junior 2 in September.

Three year old Egyptian-born Sara enjoys playing a lot. She will soon be starting nursery school and she is very excited about

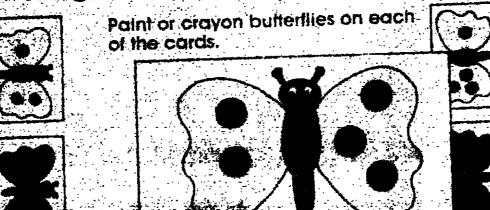
Junior Times hopes the two sisters will have a wonderful time in Egypt. We will be waiting to hear of their adventures when they come to Kuwait at the beginning of September.

Colouring time





Use postcards or cut about 20 rectangular-shaped pieces of thin card.





Did you

know?

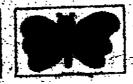
Colour large dots from one to six on each of the wings.

Share out the cards with a friend and take it in turns to lay down a card.

Remember, only a wing with the same number of dots can go next to another similar wing.

The winner is the person to use up all his or her cards first.



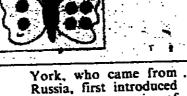


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Mickey Mouse first

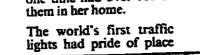
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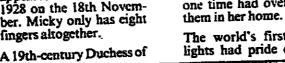
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ber. Micky only has eight fingers altogether. A 19th-century Duchess of

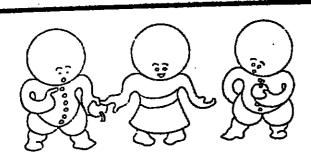
Russia, first introduced the German practice of giving Christmas presents. She also loved dogs and at one time had over 100 of





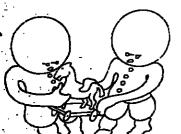
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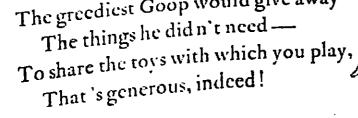


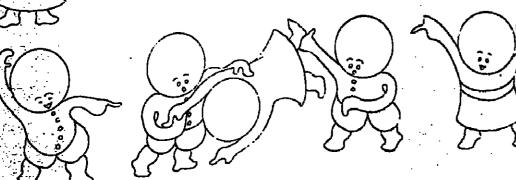
WHEN you have candy, do you go And give your sister half? When little brother stubs his toe,



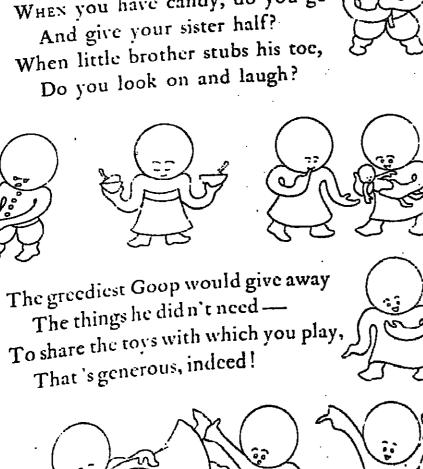
.litres.











Crime not glorified

By Brian Hollis

IF Al Capone is the first name which springs to mind when American gangsters are men-tioned, his counterpart for English people must certainly be the Kray Twins. Ronnie and Reggie terrorised the East End of London for 10 years until the mid 60's, when they were finally nailed for murders which each carried out personally, in cold blood

The film The Krays caused a furore even before it was released, due to the royalties paid to the twins who are both still in jail. When the film soared to number one in the box office a couple of months ago, everyone though it was simply due to the sensational nature of the subject. and the film was heavily criti-

cised for glorifying crime.
Infact. The Krays is a very good film—a worthy successor to The Long Good Friday. which tries to explain how the Twins' background led to their later behaviour. Both are portraved unsympathetically (by pop stars Gary and Martin Kemp) as violent and spoilt youths ready to cut up anybody who happens to interfere with their daily lives, or who happens to meet them when they're having a bad day. The blame is squarely laid on the matriarchy in which they grew up. Their dot-ing mother (Billie Whitelaw) and an extended family of women are a constant force in their lives. pampering and spoiling them well into adulthood. 'Men are born children and they stay chil-dren muses their grandma.

There is a bit too much 'Eastenders type cheap philosophy for my liking, but the acting and taut directing carry the film through. Gary Kemp is especially good as the psycopathic Ronnie, constantly trying to prove himself through The glamour of lear. Director Peter Medak has created that indispensable seedy atmosphere. and knows how to keep a story moving. All in all a gripping if violent biopic of the hoodlums who ruled the East End of London in the 60's.

Danny, The Champion of the

Plaque of Appreciation

World, is another recent British release, but this time of the usual slowmoving variety. In 1955, Danny lives with his dad (father and son team Jeremy and Sam frons) in a gypsy caravan in an unspoilt corner of England, City spiv turned country landlord Victor Hazell (Robbie Coltrane) has plans to develop a new town and to extend his pheasant shooting for grateful gentry, but has to buy the Smith's garage to make a marketable piece of land. But dad has a special hatred of nouveau riche developers, and prefers to keep the pheasants for occasional poaching rather than mindless slaughter. Of course father and son eventually turn the tables on nasty Mr Hazell. Adapted from Roald Dahl's Children's Favourite, this one should be a big hit for family viewing, although most adults will find it rather snobby and

Award for worst major comedy of the year must surely go to Madhouse, a gross mishmash of shricking, mugging and bad taste, which tells the story of a yuppie couple's move into their dream house. Mark (John Larroquetter and Jessie (Kristic Ally) are about to start enjoying wild sex when bothersome house guests start to appear: a dimwit-ted cousin and his grass pregnant wife: a redneck neighbour and his malicious kids, and Jessie's man-crazy recently divorced sister and dope-dealer son. This vile gang take over the house until the owners freak out and decide that something must be done. All old jokes and cliches are there, and the whole effort is in such poor taste that only the most simple minded will watch through to the

If you're fed up with football, try another sport. The French Tennis Open Finals are available, as well as international rugby with Scotland and New Zealand. the latest Grand Prix racing and

some pro-celebrity golf.

Look out for three long awaited blockbusters which will be released during Eid! The latest from Tom Hanks. Dudley Moore and Sean Connery should all be available early next week.



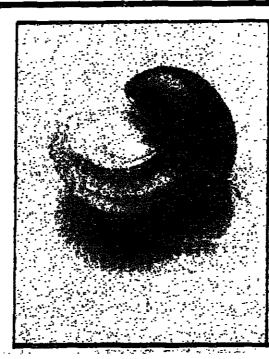
The Krays; twin trouble.

New products



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Christofle: Christofle, Paris, recently introduced "Love at first sight" presents and gift items, ranging from silverplated metal and black Chinese key chains, atomisers and ashtrays for "him and her" to silverware, dishes, centrepiece, candelbras and



Hydra Perles: Yves Saint Laurent Research and Development Centre has developed a new cream to protect and moisturise the skin. Called Hydra Perles it is said to guard the skin against light. smoke, dust and bacteria.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Hamra Al Raqassah Wal Siyasi (Arabic) Starring: Mustafa Mutwali, Salah Qabil, Nabila Drive-In Al Falaheen Ahham (Arabic) Starring: Saeed Salem, Hayatim Al Firdous

Al Raqassah Wal Siyasi

Starring: Nabila Obaid, Salah Qabil

Close until July 13

Al Andalus

Al Salmiya

(Arabic)

Dost Garibon Ka (Hindi) Starring: Govinda, Neelam Fahabeel Open-Air Shriman Shrimati (Hindi) Al Fahaheel Biroha Betha (Bengali)

Eyb Ya Rustom (Arabic) No Hard Feelings

Sulaibikhat Nair Saab (Malayalam) Starring: Mammootty AI Jiceb Sheeshay Ka Ghar (Hindi) Ahmadi Drive-Lu Hanafi Al Abahahu (Arabic)

FRIDAY

Al Jahra Jackie and Bruce to the Rescue Granada Cyclone Sulaibikhat In the Line of Duty Al Jleeb Desh Ke Dushman (Hindi)

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

).00 Holy Quran 9.15 Nabia Wa Saleh: cartoon serial

9.40 Iftah Ya Simsim 10.10 Good Morning 10.30 Al Khittah: Arabic serial; starring: Organ Al Harairi, Samiya Al Alfi, Hussein Al Shar-bini, Nabcel Al Das-

sougi. 11.15 News Summary 12.00 Hamoum Wa Tamouh: Arabic serial; part 5; featuring Samir Fahad. Ahmad Al Qawasimi, Antonietto Najeeb

1.00 News Summary 1.05 World News via

Satellite 2.00 Sanavar cartoon serial 2.30 Saif Haar: Gulf serial: featuring Saleh Bin Za'al Al Faris, Saud Al Darmiki, Ami Abdul Rasool 3.30 Alif Laila Wa Laila Amina

4.00 Liga Al Khamis

5.30 Adventures: cartoonserial Report: From Egypt 10

Kuwaii Al Sandoog Al La ali Kabir: ep. 🏻

7.30 Songs 7.45 With Islam

8.25 From People's Lives ; 9.00 News in Arabic 9.45 Uyoun Al Akhireen: Arabic serial; featuring Bosi. Abu Bakr Ezzut: Hamdi Ahmad

Abdul Aziz. 11.00 Intehaar Muddearris Taanvi: Arabic film, starring Hussain starring Hussain Fahmi, Afaf Shuaib, Hayatim.

12.12 Late Night Variety 1.30 News summary

1.35 World News via Satellite 1.50 Holy Quran/Close-

FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran 9.25 Nabia Wa Saleh: car-

toon serial 9.50 Ta'leem Kharij Al Madrasah: part two.

10.15 Songs 10.30 Al Rahlah: children's serial, starring Safa All Subei. Ahmad Abdul Waris

11.00 Ahadith Mauduwa Friday Prayer

12.30 Colours 1.00 News Summary

1.05 World News via 1.25 Hadith Deeni:

religious talk 2.00 Halaqat Tamteeliya: "Tanateel".part 3. starring: Ghanem starring; Slaiti, Huda Hussen Abdul Aziz Al Jassim.

2.45 Cultural film

3.30 Arabic play

6.00 Cultural programme 7.30 Kuwait In A Week 8.00 Multaki Al Usrah: cul- 3. tural programme; part

8.45 Hadith Usbook: religious programme News in Arabic

9.45 Ayoun Al Akhireen: Arabic serial 10.45 Variety

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Huda Hussein in Tanateet, KTV t. Friday.



Bill Cosby Show, Thursday, KTV 2.

KTY2

6.00 Holy Quran 6.10 Police Academy: A cartoon series for children. 6.30 Mr Wizard's World: A

variety of magic acts. illusions and scientific experiments. Wild America: "Cotton Tails & Kin. An

look at rabbits the most found all over the world. It is hunted for its meat and fur and

generates quickly..
7.30 The Munsters Today: "The Trial". Herman harm to a man whom he actually tried to help.

8.00 News in English 8.30 Haj and Omra. A religious programme about Eid Al Adha. 9:00 Midnight Caller 10.00 Bill Cosby Show: "Not Everybody

Blues.

* 40.30 Just for Laughs: Scenes from British comic films.

11:00 Thursday Night Movie: "The Red Movie: River". Starring James Arness, Bruce Boxleitner, Gregory Harrison, Western.

12.30 News in Brief 12.40 Magazine D'Actu. file/Closedown

FRIDAY 6.00 Holy Quran 6.10 Popeye and Son: A car-

toon series for chil-

6.30 Family Feature Film 8.00 News in English
8.30 Haj and Omra-focuses on the pilgrimage to Makkahand Madinah

9.10 Breaking Away: a look

9.25 Globe TV: A Ticket to the World. A look at the "global village" 10.00 Weekend Programmes local magazine show, presented by Adeep. Shuaiber and Maba Motawi. Produce'l hi

10.30 Hooperman: Hoope∯ man's girlfriend, requests him to get rid

of his dog. Silver Skates: The story of a talented painter who finds true: love and wealth and wants to abundon ភ្នំឡើ sick father

12.00 World Cup: Special. Report. Presented by: Ali Khayat.

2.30 News in Brief 12.35 Magazine

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Sport TV Ch. 6/4第 3.40 Opening

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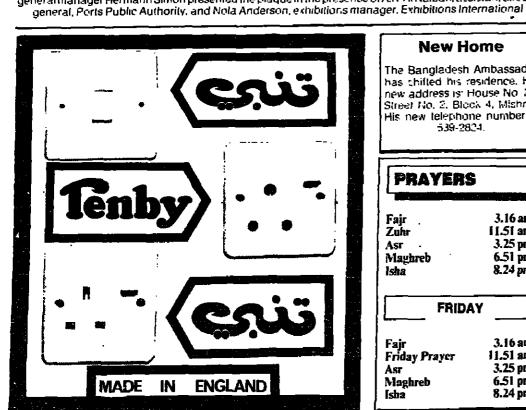
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without notice.

WHAT'S ON

Stelan Bagyura, second secretary, Austrian Embassy, was presented with a plaque of appreciation for supporting the Kuwait International Hotel Bagyura leaves Kuwait shortly to take up a new post. The notel's general manager Hermann Simon presented the plaque in the presence of A.R. Al Naibari, assistant director



New Home

The Bangladesh Ambassador has chifted his residence. His new address is: House No. 20, Street No. 2, Block 4, Mishrel. His new telephone number is 539-2824.

Prayers

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FRIDAY

Fajr	3.16 am
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July 5: Kapilku awards cer-

tificates of attendance to those who attended tailoring; bookkeeping, basic accounts and basic computers courses. The ceremony will be held at Al Araliya Restaurant, 8 pm. Philippine Ambassador Mauyag Mohammad Tamano will be the chief guest. Buffet dinner. KD 3 per person. Proceeds will go toward the school fund.

Those who attended selfimprovement classes are asked to contact Sarah Macarim-bang. Tel: 4839009; 4839889; 4843447

Summer Belle '90 Aug 2: UGC will hold "Summer Belle '90" at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. Top Ranks and Hurricane Alley in attendance. More details later.

D'Assissi Association celebrates 10th anniversary Oct 4: Holy mass at 6:30 pm at

the Holy Family Cathedral, Kuwait City, followed by a social at 8:30 pm at the Messilah Beach Hotel. For more details please contact Tel. No. 2469811/12 or 3717346 after 5:30 pm.

Weekend Club July 2: The Weekend Club will hold "Red and Black Nite" at Regency Palace Hotel. Highlights include selection of the Red and Black Queen. The "Man of the Year" award will be announced. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones bands in attendance. Dress casual but strictly red and black combination. For details contact Julio Cardoz, Tel: 4315425; Hilary

5741380; Merces 4890566. Natya Bharati Natya Bharati calls amateur

dramatists to audition for their fourth production entitled "Badi Buaji" (The Big Aunt), a full-length comedy which will be performed in mid-October. Required a female lead, young smart lady, past stage experience would be an asset; two supporting actresses: character actors, a middle-aged man with a good personality and two young men in their early 30s. Genuinely interested people who plan to stay in Kuwait during summer holidays can contact 4880965 or 5623810 after 1.30 pm or 3721545 after 8.30 am for further details.

Beat show postponed July 12: The Beat Festival,

scheduled for July has been

postponed indefinitely. It was due to be performed at the Anak Restaurant.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie Thai Corner: Saturday night: Cowboy Night: Every Sunday, with live country music. Chinese Corner: Monday night

leature. Greek Taverna: Mediterranean magic with bousouki indonesian corner: on Wednes-

days; food prepared in front of Jazz Night: New Orleans atmosphere on Thursday

Friday: Oriental luncheon buffet; family day. Versailles: Business lunch; and a la carte dinner.

At the Holiday inn Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop, breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets

-- Continental and Oriental

Al Andalus Supper Club; Arabic Nite, every Thursday, Arabic band entertains guests. Friday Family Lunch: Disneyfantasy on Fridays.

At the international Failaka, situated on the 19th floor, overlooking the coas-Mine, it offers international enisine; live entertainment in

the evenings. Closed onridays La Palma offers buffet as well as a la carte. Family style brunch on Fridays. Kei: offers Japanese dining in an oriental atmosphere.

La Patissene: selection of snacks; pianist in the evenings. Al Waha: ice cream promotion featuring different flavours. until August 1990. At the SAS Bistretto: Sunday/Wednesday pasta night; Italian music.

Peacock Room: Chinese cuisine tunch and dinner. Al Boom: Kuwaiti experience: charcoal grilled food, plus mez-

zeh buffet. Clock: snack bar - · burgers. french fries, etc.

At the Messilah Beach Af Mubarakiah open around the clock: seafood promotion on Wednesdays, 7 pm: Fridays Middle Eastern cuisine.

Al Jawharah: Thursday

special -- special menu; music e, by Rainbow Band. Al Berdowneh: BBQ on Thursday in beach-garden restaurant; Lebanese food.

Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine: open buffet pius menu. Lolouwah Corner

and refreshing summer drights Polo: Marco Italian ambience and cuisine particularly pasta. At Ramada Al Salam Al Bendar Cottee Shop: Arabic

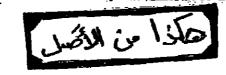
and Continental buffets, lunch and dinner; also a la carte; open 6 am to midnight. Al Mawardy Open-Air Cefeopen from 6 pm to midnight; Al Gandoul Grill Garden open after 6 pm; grilled food.

Friday brunch: 12 noon to 3

pm, ship discovery tour, enter-

tainment for children and and toon-strip characters.

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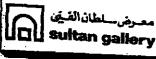
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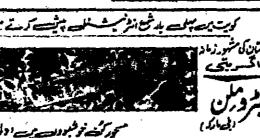


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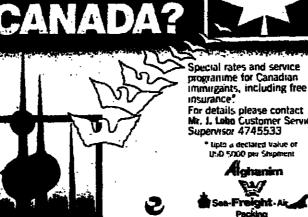
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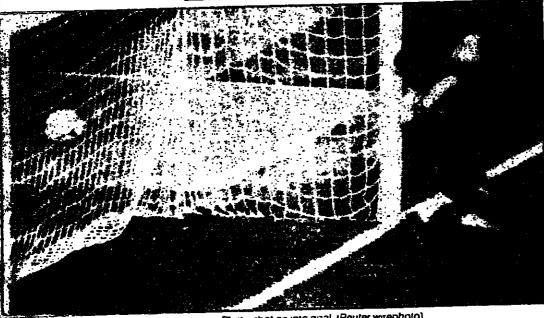




Ceutemans (left) and Terry-Butcher battle for the ball

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Belgium fail to break 55-year jinx



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licly yesterday arranged a joecial charter flight to depon 247 English supporters rounded un on Monday night in the fadriatic resort of Rimini after framing beitles with police in which 20 people were injured.

The rioting erupted in a sections bar packed with Engiand fans some of whom began throwing glasses and botthes at passing cars when Italians poured on to the streets to celebrate Italy's 2-0 second round victory against Uruguay. In a separate interview, Movn-

than said there had been some suggestions that Italians had provoked the English fans. But The added: "The luture of English foot-

bell in terms of club competition Ap Europe is on trial at the World Cup and when you are provoked you must walk away from that provocation."



David Platt kicks the ball towards the Belgium net (Reuter wirephoto)

BOLOGNA, June 27. (Reuter): Substitute David Platt scored a minute from the end of extra time yesterday to send England into the World Cup quarterfinals with a 1-0 win over Belgium.

Platt hammered a right-foot volley past Belgian Goalkeeper Michel Preud' Homme from a Paul Gascoigne free-kick.

It was his first goal for England, the 100th of the Italy finals, and produced a dramatic climax to a hotly-contested match.

England meet Cameroon in the last eight in Naples on Sunday. Belgium were desperately unlucky. They provided much of the best attacking soccer in an enthralling and at times abrasive game, but were

unable to end a 55-year run without a victory against England.
Platt's goal provided a stunning and unexpected end to a match played in a rousing and at times intimidating atmosphere with the nowfamiliar hum of helicopters overhead and fans erupting into violence

But the ugly scenes were overshadowed by England's winner which was created entirely by the energy and imagination of Gascoigne.

The effervescent midfielder, who struggled to control his territory in a personal duel with Belgian playmaker Enzo Scifo, found unexpected reserves of energy and surged forward when everyone else was resigned

The run took him to the edge of the Belgian penalty area where he was pushed by the trailing Eric Gerets.

Gascoigne rose and took the kick himself, lofting it over the tired Belgian defence towards Platt who swivelled on his left foot and thundered a perfect right-foot volley past the surprised Prend's

Extra-time followed the same pattern as the previous deadlocked 90 minutes with both sides, by this stage ragged and tired, slugging it out like punch-drunk boxers.

Chris Waddle produced one flash of skill for England and a shot well saved by Preud's Homme, then Belgian Bruno Versavel saw a wellstruck effort go wide. Several other efforts by both sides flew around

The best opening of the extra period fell to England when Stuart Pearce made a strong run on the left, fed substitute Steve Bull, who cut in to power a low right-foot shot which the goalkeeper just touched

It was an evenly-contested and physically-combative match from the start when Belgium took early command by flooding midfield and launching their overlapping defenders on a series of runs. Michel de Wolf and Versavel were particularly dangerous for the

Belgians on the left and the England defence was frequently stretched to Belgium might have taken the lead as early as the 15th minute when

their veteran captain Jan Ceulemans took advantage of a slip by England sweeper Mark Wright and fired in a first-time drive which rebounded into play of Peter Shilton's right hand post. It was not the only time England were saved by the woodwork. It

came to their rescue again shortly after halftime when the impressive Scifo surged out of midfield and h Shilton but flew to safety off his right hand post. In between, however, England produced plenty of attacking soccer

of their own with Waddle in particularly good form on the right as the team broke quickly from defence. During the period before the interval, Waddle twice dribbled into

space and forced openings. From the first centre, left-back Stuart Pearce headed on to the roof of the net and from the second John Barnes wasted the clearest opening of the half by shooting tamely at

Barnes was unlucky again a few minutes later when he was adjudged offside after converting a cross from Gary Lineker.

As the second half of normal time wore on, it became increasingly clear that both sides were not prepared to risk all despite the introduction of two substitutes by England and one by the Belgians.

Italy will reach final: Sosa

ROME, June 27, (Reuter): Italy's abundance of talent and coach Azeglio Vicini's knack of picking substitutes paid off again when the three times champions reached the quarterfinals of the World Cup.

don't think they will have problems reaching the final, said Uruguayan striker Ruben Sosa after the South Americans" 2-0 defeat by Italy in the second round on Monday.

"They are a strong team, determined and full of individual talent."



An English (an being searched by policemen (Reuter wirephoto)

His team mate Ruben Pereira agreed. "Italy will get to the fmal," he said. "For me they are stronger than the 1982 side." Little Sicilian striker Salvatore

Schillaci is already being compared to the hero of the 1982 World Cup winning side, Paolo Rossi, after scoring three goals in four matches. It was Schillaci who broke the

deadlock against a defensive Uruguay but it was second half substitute Aldo Serena who gave him the means. "The merit goes to Serena,"

said Schillaci who picked up a fine pass from his team mate to turn and score with his left foot in the 65th minute.. Serena, marking his 30th bir-

thday and his first appearance at these finals, completed a superb performance by heading home Italy's second goal, from a freekick by Giuseppe Giannini, in the 83rd minute. Serena was sent on for Nicola Berti, whose second yellow card meant he was automatically suspended for Saturday's quarter-

who beat Romania on a penalty shoot-out on Monday. But such is the depth of talent in the Italian side, who have not conceded a goal in eight months, that they may not even miss

final in Rome against Ireland,

Serena proved he could compete with the best and if Roberto Donadoni recovers from a twisted knee by Saturday the Italian midfield will welcome back their

most important player.

Vicini's talent for picking the right substitute for the right moment had already been demonstrated in the first round when Schillaci came on late against Austria to replace the offform Andrea Carnevale and scored the game's only goal four minutes later.

By Saturday Vicini could have yet another ace in his pack — Sampdoria striker Gianluca

"If Vialli and Donadoni recover well and Italy go on in the competition there could be an advantage for us," said Vicini, explaining that some of his other players were tired after the second round victory over

Uruguay.
"Their training with the others has been very positive and it seems likely that they will be fully fit tomorrow but we will only know for sure after tomorrow's

training," said Vicini.
Vialli, once the nation's best striker but blunted first by a loss of form and then by a thigh injury, has not played since Italy's second match in the group stage, against the United States.

Student centre refuses to sell Cup tickets

ROME, June 27, (Reuter): A Rome student organisation which sold thousands of World Cup tickets has said it will refuse to distribute any

more in protest at steep price hikes.
The CTS (Student and Young People Centre) said after selling 2,000 places for Monday's Italy-Urugnay match: "We will not sell tickets for the later matches. Since the qualification by the Italian team there has been an irrational increase in the price of tickets."

Enthusiasm at Italy's confident march through the World Cup finals so far has gripped the country and travel agents as well as ticket touts are doing a good trade.

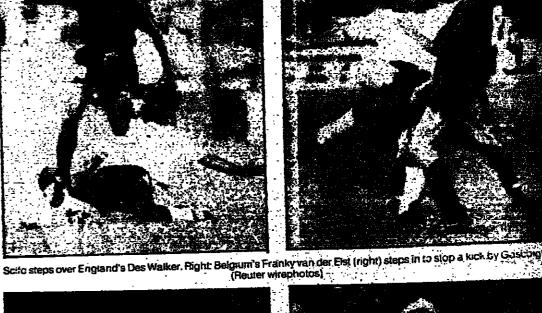
CTS said it made only a small profit on the tickets and was forced to pass on inflated prices to soccer fans. It sold the cheapest tickets, with a face value of 18,000 lire (\$15) for 50,000 lire (\$41). Ticket touts are reported to be ask-

ing three million lire (\$2,400) for tickets for the Rome final of the World Cup on July 8 — 15 times the official price.

Prices have also been inflated by

offering gifts like sunglasses, a watch and a travel bag with the tickets. Places for Monday's Italy-Uruguay match with a face value of 70,000 lire (\$57) were being sold for as much as 400,000 lire (\$325) in

special packages.







Waddle leaps over Belgium's Bruno Versavel, Right England's Mark Weight (left) leaps to intercept a pass theule

Yugoslav hero runs news conference too

VERONA, June 27. (Reuter): Looking suitably cool in trendy sunglasses, Yugoslav soccer hero Dragon Stojkovic fielded post-match questions about his greatness with ease.

"It is up to you to judge whether I am as good as Maradona ... and you'll soon get the chance," Stojkovic said yesterday a few minutes after sending Spain tumbling out of the World Cup with two magnificent goals.

Yugoslavia, through to the quarterfinals for the first time since 1962, will play Diego Maradona's Argentina on Satur-

Stojkovic, blond, youthful and with more than a hint of arrogance in his play and manner, almost single-handedly won the match.

His first goal involved a Puskas-style dragging back of the ball before calmly shooting

home, while the second was one of his specialities — a delightfully flighted free-kick from about 25

Such rare skills have ensured his departure from the financial backwater of Red Star Belgrade to the multi-million-dollar lifestyle of Marseille in the French League.
"Those two goals were

undoubtedly among the most important I have ever scored," he said taking over the normal captain's role in the post-match news conference.

In fact manager lvica Osim, refusing to answer questions, let his star charge run the news show much as he runs the play on the

"Perhaps fortune indeed favours the brave," Stojkovic replied with quotable flourish to suggestions that Spain were unlucky and that their domination of the match deserved better

than extra-time defeat.

Voeller ERBA, Italy, June 27, (Reuter): Karlheinz Riedle is set to replace. Rudi Voeller in the West Getman lineup to face Cze-choslovakia in the World Cup quarterfinals in Milan next Sun-

Riedle set

to replace

day. West German officials yesterday hoped they could overturn Fifa's rejection of their protest against Voeller's dismissal in Sunday's second round clash

with the Netherlands. But team chief Franzy Beckenbauer said Riedle, who came on as a second-half substitute in the 2-1 win over the Dutch, would play if there were no reprieve for

Riedle joined Werder Bremen when Voeller left the club for as Roma. He will move to Rome? himself next season to join Roma's local rivals Lazio.

"If I don't get picked in this situation, I may as well pack by bags now," Riedle said.

Beckenbauer described Riedle as an excellent player, who was good in the air and operated

more in the middle than Voeller, himself more of a runner who took wide paths to goal. Beckenbauer said midfielder Thomas Haessler was the only member of his squad unavailable

through injury.

Haessler, who missed the Dutch game because of a grom injury, would have to be patient

and follow the example of central defender Juergen Kohler, Beck enbauer said. Kobler missed all three first

round matches because of a kine-muscle injury but returned against the Netherlands.

World Cup second round matches: low on quality, high on heartbreak

POME, June 27. (AP): The second round of the World Cup was low on quality but had plenty of heartbreak

to go round. Brazil, Belgium and Colombia all dominated their matches - hitting the woodwork no less than six times in all. Still all were sent home as upsets continued to capture the essense of the tournament.

Argentina, Cameroon and

England all used rare sparkles of creativity near the end of their mat-ches to reach the quarterfinals.

Cameroon and Ireland, tipped to be sent home in the first round, continued their string of upsets and joined powerhouses Italy and West Germany in the big times.

Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia were also not expected to go this far in the competition but they increasingly

· loom large as dark horses.

Cameroon plays England, Argentina faces Yugoslavia, West Germany takes on Czechoslovakia and Ireland goes against home favourite Italy this weekend before the championship heads into its final week.

"For the Irish to be in Rome is like a dream come true for our country. said David O'Leary, who scored the deciding penalty in the World Cup's first shootout after Ireland's match to give Africa its first World Cup with Romania finished in a goal-less

Czechoslovakia's Tomas Skuhravy had a dream match against Costa Rica and scored a hat trick in a 4-1 win to lead the World Cup scoring table with five goals.

But close on his heels is Roger Milla, 38, Cameroon's super substitute who scored twice in extra time

quarterfinalist ever with a 2-1 win over Colombia.

The talent of Yugoslavia's Dragan Stojkovic finally broke through with two goals to beat Spain 2-1.

The clash between arch rivals the Netherlands and West Germany was by far the best match.

In a seesaw battle, striker Juergen Klinsmann and defender Audreas

Brehme came through with classy

Yugoslavia's Davor Josik (right) and Ziatrokoll Vujovic celebrate their team's second goal (Reuler wirephoto)

play to win the gritty clash 2-1. Brilliant goals flowed from the feet of Salvatore Schillaci to give Italy a 2-0 win over Uruguay and David Platt clinched a dramatic goal in the dying minute of extra time with a turning volley to push England past Belgium

But despite all these heroics too often play in regulation time was a ripping yawn.

Cameroon-Colombia, Romania-Ireland, Brazil-Argentina and Spaine Yugoslavia rarely presented good soccer to capture the crowds.

The Netherlands, spoiled by an excess of talent, failed to win a match. in the World Cup, and Brazil, compromising on spectacle to achieve results, finished up with neither



Olympic movement slammed

A Canadian government inquiry into drugs in sports slammed the Olympic movement yesterday for the widespread use of performance-enhancing drugs but left disgraced Olympian Ben Johnson some hope for a return to international competition.

The report of that inquiry also said there is a moral crisis in sports and drug-use is widespread among Canadian ath-

The long-awaited report by Ontario judge Charles Dubin said the decision whether to allow disgraced Olympic sprinter Ben Johnson - banned for using drugs — to compete again should be left to sport administrators.

Johnson, 27, is serving a two-year ban from international competition after testing positive for steroids at the Seoul Olympics in 1988 following his victory in the 100 metres. He was sub-

sequently stripped of his medal. The Canadian government, which had banned Johnson for life, had been awaiting the report by Ontario judge Charles Dubin before deciding whether John-son can run again for Canada.

'Those who cheated have threatened the very future of sport and tarnished its reputa-

tion, perhaps irreparably.
"They have also unfairly cast a cloud of suspicion over the majority of athletes who abide by the rules and have threatened their future financial support from governments, corporations and the general public," the

report said.

Dubin said it was clear Johnson had used anabolic steroids for many years but was not fully aware of the health risks involved.

Whether he can compete again should be decided by the Olympic movement and the national track and field association Athletics Canada.

But the ban on government training subsidies should continue although Johnson has the right to appeal that punishment to an independent arbitrator.

Top athletes to compete in Games

INDIANAPOLIS, June 27, (AP): World record-holders and Olympic champions Carl Lewis, Roger Kingdom and Jackie Joyner-Kersee are among the top United States track and field ath-Goodwill Games.

Lewis, a six-time Olympic gold medallist and holder of the world record in the 100-metre dash, will be in the 100 and long jump. He will represent the United States in the 100, for which he qualified by winning the national title this month at Norwalk, California.

Lewis will be an invited athlete in the long jump. In the Goodwill Games, an invited athlete in an event competes only as an individual.

Lewis declined a position on the 400-metre relay team.

Kingdom. a two-time Olympic champion and world record-holder in the 110-metre high hurdles, also made the team by win-

ning the national championship.
Joyner-Kersee, the 1988
Olympic gold medallist in the
heptathlon and long jump and world record-holder in the hep-tathlon, qualified for the US team in the long jump by winning the national title. However, she passed up that event in the Goodwill Games and will compete in the heptathlon, the Athletics

Congress said yesterday.
Two other individual Olympic gold medallists made the US team at the Nationals. Steve Lewis, winner at 400 metres in the 1988 Olympics at Seoul and this year at Norwalk, will compete in that event and as a member of the 1,600-metre relay team. Evelyn Ashford, the 1984 gold medallist and former world record-holder in the women's 100 metres, made the team for the 400-metre relay.

Each team member receives \$3,000. Olympic gold medallists get another \$10,000 and world record-holders are paid another

Wellington rally to defeat Britain

WELLINGTON, June 27, (Reuter): Wellington, trailing 8-22 at halftime, came back to score their first ever victory over a rugby league international touring side when they beat

Britain 30-22 today.
It was Britain's third defeat by a provincial side on their New Zealand tour, but they lead the national team 1-0 in the threematch Test series after an 11-0

victory on Sunday. Intermittent rain made handling difficult in the first half, but the tourists appeared unworried running in tries with Karl Fairbank, Iau Smales, Jonathan Davies and David Lyon.

Lamb hammers unbeaten 84

England-Kiwis Test ends in draw

LONDON, June 27, (Reuter): England vice-captain Allan Lamb hit 84 not out yesterday as the rain-interrupted second cricket Test ended in a predictable draw.

Lamb's 13th Test half-century contained 14 fours and one six but it is not an innings that will linger in the memory. A high percentage of his runs came from the occasional off-spin of Andrew Jones and the equally friendly medium-pace of Ken

As the afternoon became increasingly meaningless, ironically in the best weather of the match, England declared their second innings at 272 for four 10 minutes before the scheduled close and the match was called off. New Zealand had earlier closed their first innings at 462 for nine, a lead of 128,

Two strike bowlers at different ends of their Test careers gave the fifth day most of what little interest it held.

England's Devon Malcolm gave further evidence that he is the fast bowler England have been searching for since Bob Willis retired six years ago with the second-five wicket haul of his embryonic Test career. Jamaican-born Malcolm

showed not only hostile pace but also envitable stamina and vastly improved accuracy, bowling 43 overs in all to finish with five for

In contrast to some England opening bowlers of recent vin-tage. Malcolm was always eager to bowl and was still bounding in with undiminished enthusiasm on the final morning.

ISTANBUL: Dubai Suhail Bin

Khalifa Al Maktoum will start

his first ever European cham-

pionship rally sixth off the grid in

his Marlboro-backed Group A Mitsubishi Galant in this week's

European Championship Gun-

aydin Rally in Turkey. First off

the ramp will be Mohammed Bin

Sulayem the event favourite who

"Maybe it's a high seeding for

finished runner-up here in 1988.

my first European event, but I will do my very best to finish in

sixth place if not better, stated a

cautiously optimistic Khalifa.

"The Galant is running perfectly

and I have a very good co-driver

along with the two Emirates'

drivers make up the seventy-four

entries for the Turkish event.

which starts tomorrow at 6.00

om. 900 kilometres and twenty-

four special stages later the cars

will return to the finish of the

event in the mystical Turkish city

PITTSBURGH, June 27. (AP): Curtis Strange overcame an aching back yesterday to shoot a second-round 69 and post a two-stroke victory over

David Frost in the \$647,000 Family House

Invitational, the nation's richest exhibition golf

Twelve European nations

in Bobby Willis.

Lamb, hit 14 fours and a six Then, Richard Hadlee in his final appearance at cricket's headquarters, gave another con-

sumate display of seam and swing bowling. Hadlee gave Michael Atherton a searching examination with the new ball as the England

This event marks Subail's

third outing in the VR4 Mitsubi-shi Galant. So far he has started

in two Middle East Champion-

ship rallies, the Qatar and Jordan

Internationals. Although he did

not finish in Qatar last February

his excelling performance saw him take the quickest time in seven of the eleven special stages

he completed. In Jordan he was

second overall behind Moham-

"The Galant and Toyota seem

to be the best cars in this event as

far as technology is concerned.

said Mike Otty of Ralliart Mid-

dle East. "There are some very

fast vehicles entered, but for

example the Lancia Integrales

are not current modern cars and

have been around for a few

favourite here and there are some

very fast French and Turkish

drivers, but I will be hoping for a

Strange scores two-stroke victory

"Obviously Mohammed is the

med Bin Sulayem.

of Istanbul.

opener sought the run he needed to avoid his second duck of the

Suhail hopes for a top five finish

First Hadlee had Atherton caught behind by lan Smith, only to find that the umpire had called a no ball. Then Atherton again nibbled outside the off-stump

Marthen

Suhari Bin Khalila

top 5 finish. Our real objective is

to let Suhail have some solid

European experience, but that

result would be good," con-

Team navigator Bobby Willis,

who partnered Suhail's brother

Ahmed in the 1989 Scottish

weeks ahead of the team and has

cluded team boss Otty.

first-prize check of \$125,000 in his first tournament victory since capturing the 1989 US Open at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York.

Strange nearly pulled out of the two-day tour-

nament Sunday night because of back pain, but said,

"making a lot of long putts made me feel a whole lot

Mike Hulbert, shot a one-under 71 to finish alone in third at 67-71-138. John Cook and Larry Mize

also shot 71s and tied for fourth at 139.

but Smith could not hold the

Hadlee had some compensation when he sent Graham Gooch's off-stump flying with his ninth delivery after lunch but retired from the fray soon afterwards. He did not take the field after tea, opting instead to visit the physiotherapist.

Atherton recovered from his ordeal to score 54 before he had the dubious distinction of entering the record books as Jone's

With the first two Tests having been drawn, the third and final match at Edgbaston beginning on July 5 could decide the series. Gooch was confirmed as England's captain for the rest of the season yesterday — and then admitted that his side's performance during the draw against New Zealand at Lord's was under par.

Gooch will stay in charge for the two one-day internationals and three full Tests against India as well as the final clash with New Zealand at Edgbaston.

But the Essex opener, appointed England captain towards the end of last year, was clearly dis-satisfied with England's overall showing at Lord's

Our performance was not as good as we would have liked, either batting or bowling," he said. "Not good enough to beat

New Zealand, anyway. There is always room for improvement and we'll need to be on top form if we want to win at Edgbaston and take the

Despite his disappointment, the England selectors remain

completed a comprehensive survey of the route. "It is all loose

pravel surface and very different

to the Masafi style stages which

Suhail performs best on, but I

have seen his Jordan result from

last month and think he could do

well," said the popular Irishman.

backed Group A Galant, Ralliart Middle East have built a

Group N Galant for leading

Turkish driver Renc Kocibey,

the first time a Middle East rally

team has prepared a vehicle for a

European Championship driver.

"This is the first of a number of

orders we have received from

Europe," said team technical

is one hundred per cent gravel.

the team have flown in special compound Michelin tyres for the

event. Suhail's entry to Turkey is

also supported by BP Middle

East and Standard Chartered

Cycling race

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, June

27. (AP): Sweden's Michael

Andersson yesterday won the

first stage in the sixth-day Tour

of Vanern cycling race ahead of a group of 11 cyclists.

three hours, 52 minutes and 1

second in the 169-kilometre (104-

mile) race, with fellow-Swede

Lars Wahlovist trailing him by

Andersson was clocked at

Because the surface in Turkey

manager Jan Lindstrom.

"As well as the Marlboro-

delighted with Gooch's style of

leadership.
It has been keenly positive throughout and we will be well served by his captaincy for the rest of the season." they said in a statement after the drawn second

Scoreboard ENGLAND first innings 334 (G Gooch 85, R. Smith 64, A. Stewart 54; D. Morrison 4-64) NEW ZEALAND first innings (over-

niahi 440-8) Franklin c Russell b Malcolm... 101 J. Wright c Stewart b Small 98 A. Jones c Stewart b Malcolm 49 M. Crowe c Russell b Hemmings 1
M. Greatbatch b Malcolm47 K. Rutherford c Fairbrother b Mai-

R. Hadlee b Hemmings M. Snedden not out

Total (for nine wickets, declared) 462 Wicketfalls: 1-185 2-278 3-281 4-284 5-285 6-408 7-415 8-425 9-448. Bowling: Malcolm 43-14-94-5, Small 35-4-127-1, DeFreitas 35. 4-1-122-0, Hemmings 30-13-67-2, Gooch 13-7-25-0, Atherton 1-1-0-0.

ENGLAND second mnings G. Gooch b Hadies.. M. Atherton c Bracewell b Jones...54 A Stewart c sub b Bracewell A Lamb not out.... . Smith hit wicket b Bracewell.

N. Fairbrother not out Extras (B-8 lb-8 ab-6).. Total (for four wickets, declared) 272 Fall of wickets: 1-68 2-135 3-171 4-

Bowling: Morrison 16-0-81-0. Hadlee 13-2-32-1, Bracewell 34-13-85-2, Jones 12-3-40-1, Rutherford 3-

Result match drawn. First Test: Match drawn Third Test: July 5-10, Birmingham (at Edgbaston).

France make seven changes for 3rd Test

SYDNEY, June 27, (Reuter):. Team coach Jacques Fouroux today made seven changes to France's team for the third and final Test against Australia but promised to continue playing spectacular rugby union.

France have already lost the series after going down 48-31 to the Wallabies in Brisbane in a thrilling second Test featuring 10

Fourous has completely res tructured his pack for the Sydney Test next Saturday. The whole front row has been 'sacked, while Philippe Benetton returns at breakaway in place of South Africa-born Eric Melville who moves to number eight. Replaced

Jean-Claude Langlade returns to the centre instead of Franck Mesnel, who replaced him for the second Test. Philippe Saint-Andre, normally a centre, will play on the wing in place of Bernard Lacombe while Aubin

Hueber comes in at scrum half. "There are no injury problems, the changes are just our logic," said Fouroux with a smile. "We want to try to get rid of the mistakes from the previous Test but we still want to play a spectacular game.... that's our

primary aim." "We brought over a lot of young players and the team for Saturday is a combination of the

past and future."





Middlesex score 3rd straight victory

LONDON, June 27, (Reuter): Middlesex spinners John Emburey and Philip Tufnell took their side to the top of the English county championship yesterday as they set up a 79-run win over Northamptonshire at Luton.

With Tufnell taking five for 57 and Emburey three for 80. Northants were shot out for 172 as Mike Gatting's in-form team chalked up a third successive victory to overtake Warwickshire.

Only Robert Bailey, with a battling 87 to follow his first innings 73, offered real resistance

Middlesex had earlier declared at 107 for two after a first innings total of 344. Northants notched up 200 in its first innings.

Warwickshire paceman Alan Donald did his best to keep his side in the driving seat with three wickets in a live-ball burst against Kent At Edgbaston. It reduced Kent, set to make 233, to 76 for five, but Graham Cowdrey and Richard Ellison held out for a draw.

Warwickshire captain Dermot Reeve had made an unbeaten 59 in his side's 190 for eight declared.

Jonathan Agnew, with five wickets for 70, spearheaded a Leicestershire win over Gloucestershire, but his side's eagerness as they forced a 111-run success upset umpires Allan Jones and Don Thompsett.

Leicestershire captain Nigel Briers was told by Jones to quieten his players, who had reacted loudly to Phil Bainbridge twice surviving hard chances in a defiant three hour innings. And paceman Winston Ben-

jamin disputed Thompsett's rejection of a leg before appeal and appeared to jab an angry finger at him. Jones said after the match that

the Leicestershire players' behaviour would not be reported to cricketing authorities. "It was a competitive match

and things got a little out of hand. but were quickly put right,

Results



Robert Bailey

beat Gloucestershire by 11 runs. Leicestershire 426 for eight declared in 110 overs, second innings forfeited. Gloucestershire 75 for no wicket declared in 14 overs and 240. (P. Bainbridge 74. D. Graveney 46 not out. J.
Agnew 5-70). Leicestershire 20
points, Gloucestershire three.
At Old Trafford: Lancashire v

Hampshire match drawn. Hampshire 300 for five declared in 99.4 overs and 87 for one declared, (C. Smith 53 not out). Lancashire 58 for no wicket declared in 12 overs and 131 for four. Lancashire two points.

Hampshire four.
At Luton: Middlesex beat Northants by 79 runs. Middlesex 344 and 107 for two declared. (D. Haynes 69 not out). Northants 200 and 172, (R. Bailey 87, P. Tufnell 5-57). Middlesex 23 points. Northants three.

At Cardiff: Yorkshire beat Glamorgan by five wickets. Glamorgan 309 for six declared in 100 overs and 113 for two declared. Yorkshire 153 for three declared in 44 overs. (K. Sharp 53 not out, P. Robinson 53 not out) and 271 for 5, (R. Blakey 71 not out). Yorkshire 19 points.

Glamorgan five. At Edgbaston: Warwickshire Kent, match drawn. Warwickshire 242 in 95.3 overs and 190 for eight declared, (D. Reeve 59 not out). Kent 200 for nine declared in 72.5 overs, (C. Cowdrey 56 not out). And 102 for five. Warwickshire six points, Kent six.

Standings English County Championship cricket table after matches ending yesterday (tabulated — played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus

points, points); Middicsex Warwickshire 9 5 0 4 26 20 10 4 2 4 22 28 10 3 1 5 32 16 9 3 1 5 23 23 10 3 2 5 29 17 10 3 3 4 22 23 9 3 3 3 3 27 15 8 3 1 4 20 22 9 2 4 3 16 23 10 1 8 31 20 8 1 5 2 21 28 8 2 2 4 22 10 8 1 5 6 30 9 Glamorgan Derbyshire

Northants



Jonathan Agnew

Strange, who shot a course-record 65 Monday at St Clair Country Club, finished with a 10-under-par of 65-69-134. Frost shot a second-round 66 to finish eight under at 136. Strange, a two-time US Open champion, won a

Profile

The Arab Times will profile teams taking part in the 2nd Kuwait Pinoy Basketball League (KPBL) on every Thursday. Today's team is Pizza

THE Pizza Italia basketball team is one of the 20 participating squads in the on-going TRICO/ KPBL '902nd-Con "All Filipino Men's League". Fancied as one of the teams who will advance to the next round of competitions. the Pizza Makers are composed of the following: Players --Romy Alojado, Ferdie De La Cruz, Jing Pantulgo, Francis Buenavidez, Edgardo Hulano, Medz Nicado, Wally Cortez, Jess Pingol, Benjie Maniti. Bojie Gabriel. Abad Quintero, Raffy Perez, Noie Tumangday, Ermie Nimedez, coach-Jing Ramos, assistant coach-Nicanor De La Cruz. team manager — Chawki E.Barakat, Team Muse- Ms. Rosafe Austria and team representative-Fiorentino Zapa-

Romeo "Romy" Alojado is the team captain of the Pizza Makers. Playing the guard position, he stands 5'5" tall, weighs 125lbs., 32 years old and hails from Catabla Beach-Talisay Negros Occidental. Better known for his long-range sniping abilities, he has been in Kuwait for 4 years and is currently a shop in-charge for the Pizza Italia/ Arab Food Services Co.

Ferdie De La Cruz is 24 years old, 5'7" tall, weighs 166 lbs and is a Capricorn bachelor from Pio Del Pilar-Makati, Metro Manila. Also playing the guard position, he has been in Kuwait for almost 2 years and is presently a waiter for the Arab Food



Services, Co. He lists down his hobbies as reading, radio listening. TV watching and making new friends.

Playing the forward position, Jing Pantulgo is 26 years old, 5'8 1/2" tall, weighs 150 lbs.. and comes from the City of Manila. Also known for his outside shooting skills, this one-time 3point shootout finalist has been in Kuwait for almost 2 years, and is also a shop in-charge for the Pizza Italia.

Franco "Francis" Benavidez is also a shop in charge for the Pizza Italia food chain. A Gemini bachelor, he is 26 years old, 5'7" tall, weighs 140 lbs. and hails from Sampaloc, Metro Manila, He's been in Kuwait for the past 2-1/2 years.

Slotman Edgar Juliebert Hufano is 6'1" tall, weighs 150 lbs., is 23 year of age, and hails from llocus Sur. Still a bachelor. this food service worker of the Pizza Italia-Shaab is the newest addition to the Filipino basketball scenario in Kuwait.

Diomedes "Medz" Nicdao is 32 years old, stands 5'7" tall,



The Pizza Italia squad.

weighs 145 lbs., and hails from Mabalacat, Pampanga. Playing the guard-forward positions, he has been in Kuwait for almost 6 years, and is currently the shop in charge of the Pizza Italia Fahed

Al Salem St outlet.
Romualdo "Wally" Cortez is
33 years old, stands 5 11" tall. weighs 130 lbs., and hails from Manila. This Gemini bachelor has been in Kuwait for 4 years, and is presently with the Al Imad Real Estate Co. Maintenance Division.

Jess Pingol is 31 years old, 5'9" tall, weighs 120 lbs., and also Estate Co.

comes from Manila. He's been in Kuwait for 1 1/2 years, and is currently a building maintenance man for the Al-Imad Real Benjamin "Benjie" Maniti plays the forward/guard posi-

tions for the Pizza Makers, A 27-

year-old Pisces bachelor, he stands 5'7 1/2" tall, weighs 125

lbs., and comes from Parian-Mexico, Pampanga. he is new in Kuwai... and is a staff/waiter at the Pizza Italia-Riqqa outlet.
Bojie Gabriel is 28 years old,
stands 5'9" tall, weighs 135 lbs.,
and comes from Pasay City,
Metro Manila. Playing the forward position, he has been in

Kuwait for only 7 months, and is also with the Pizza Italia food chain as a food service worker. Abadie "Abad" Quintero is a Virgo bachelor, who hails from Marinduque. Playing the for-

ward/guard positions, he is 26 years old, 57" tall, and weighs 155 lbs. Also a food service worker for the Pizza Italia food chain, he has been in Kuwait for 4 years, and regards swimming and billiards as his next loved past times after basketball.

Forward Raffy Perez is 27 years old, 5'8" tall, weighs 157 lbs, and comes from Muntinlupa, Metro Manila. He has been in Kuwait for 4 years., and is

currently a shop in-charge for the Pizza Italia food chain. Godofredo "Noie" Tumangday is 32 years old and plays the forward position for the Pizza Makers. He stands 5'5" tall. weighs 120 ibs., and comes from Manila. This Scorpio bachelor has been in Kuwait for the last 6 years, and is currently a shop in charge for the Pizza Italia Sal-

miya outlet. Ermerlito "Ermie" Nimedez plays the guard/forward positions and comes from Manila. He is a 23-year-old Leo who stands 5'5" tall, and has been in Kuwait for 21/2 years as a service food staff for the Pizza Italia food chain.

Coach Jing Ramos is 35 years old, stands 5'9" tall weighs 140 lbs., and comes from Manila. He has been in Kuwait for the past 4 years and is presently a shop in charge for the Pizza Italia food



Rosale Austria

chain. He hopes to steer the Pizza Makers to a better finish this time around.

Assistant coach-Nicanor De La Cruz is 52 years old, 5'5" tall, weighs 130 lbs., and hails from Makati, Metro Manila. A 12 year veteran here in Kuwait, he is a staff driver for the Pizza Italia food chain.

Team manager-Chawki Edmond Barakat is 30 years old, stands 6'0", weighs 75 kgs. and hails from Lebanon. This Libra bachelor has been in Kuwait for the past 6 I/2 years. Besides being the team manager he is also the general manager of the Pizza Italia food chain Arab food Services Co. Kuwait. Chawki, as he is fondly called by the Filipinos who have come to know him (through his involvement in the community particularly "Pinoy Basketball") is a BSBA degree holder from the University of Daytona, Ohio. He has a natural passion for sports, particularly "basketball."

Team Muse-Ms Rosafe Austria is a 28-year-old charming Libra lass from Quezon City

Metro Manila. She stands 5'3" tall, weighs a well-distributed 56 kgs., and has been in Kuwait for the past 4 years. She is presently with the Sherin Optics Co as an optometrist. This doctor of Optometry degree holder from the Centro Escolar University, Manila, bested 29 other beauties during the June 15 KPBL 2nd conference opening day Ceremonies and was unanimously chosen as "Miss KPBL '90 2nd-Conference." Miss Canada Dry '87, PBAK Most Charming Muse '88, Miss Kuwait Regency Palace (KPBL '90), Miss FEB/City Int'l Ex. (Filcheck), and a whole lot more during her collegiate days. Besides being blessed with looks that could really make heads turn, she is also a gifted cook and baker, not to mention her wellknown dancing prowess.

Schedule of games, Friday (June 29) 8.00 am Al Widad/Capcom v Trend Wave (GRP-B), 9.30 am Bisig/Mabuhay-Kamay v

Kuwait Computer Association (GRP-A), 11.00 am Al Wayle v National Industries Co. (GRP-B), 12.30 pm Hasawi v Kellog Plants Services (GRP-A), 2.00 pm Kalexco v Nissan Al Babtain (GRP-B), 3.30 pm Kuwait Regency Palace v Al Ghanim Freight & Travel (GRP-A). 5.00 pm Overland Transport Co. v Al

Ghanim Blue Star (GRP-B). All participating teams are advised to get in touch with the "KPBL secretariat" for their respective game scheduled during the coming Eid holidays.

Results of Friday's matches will be covered in detail in Monday's sports pages of the Arab

Becker, Seles move into third round

WIMBLEDON, England, June 27. (AP): Calm returned to Wimbledon today. After a day of uproar and upsets, top players led by defending champion Boris Becker and third-seed Monica Seles moved into the third round with relative case.

Becker especially seemed to jerk the tournament back to normal, a day after seven seeds including three-time champion John McEnroe — were eliminated in the first round.

The men's second seed had trouble with his serve early against Australian Wally Masur. But by the middle of the second set he looked like the player who has won here three times, diving after shots and sending rocket volleys into the corners to win

Seles, the hottest player in tennis and the newly crowned French Open champion, overcame some second-set trouble to defeat American Camille Ben-

Benjamin overpowered Seles at times with her serve-andvolley game but simply lacked the consistency to win. She led the second set 4-1, 40-0 but Seles.



Becker stretches to return a forehand. (Reuter wirephoto)

the 16-year-old French Open champion, came to wrap up her 34th consecutive victory in straight sets.

Fifth-seeded Zina Garrison of the United States also advanced. She beat Cecilia Dahlman of Sweden 6-2, 6-1, losing just 14 points on her serve and winning the final six games after Dahlman broke for a 1-0 lead in the

Women's 10th seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia won the last three games to beat Nicole Jagerman of the Neth-

erlands 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.
Brad Gilbert, the seventh seed and the top American left in the upset-hit men's field, beat Danie Visser of South Africa 5-7, 6-3, 6-

Tenth-seeded Jonas Svensson of Sweden advanced with a 6-3,

Washington of the United States, and 11th-seeded Guy Forget beat Eric Jelen of West Germany 7-6, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2.

As this year's hopefuls were winning, a one-time contender played the final singles match of

Hana Mandlikova, a finalist here in 1981 and '86, was eliminated by Ann Henricksson of the United States 6-3. 6-3. Mandlik-ova said before the tournament that she would retire from singles play after Wimbledon.

"I felt relieved and sad," Man-dlikova said. "The only thing I'll ever regret is not winning here. It was my dream since childhood and I was in two finals. But I'll never have to be nervous or practice as hard as I always did.

Becker had trouble keeping his feet on the slippery grass in his opening match Monday. He did better this time, going 29 minutes before taking his first roll as he chased down a backhand on the

His serve was iffy in the first set. After staying on serve through the first 12 games. Becker gave Masur two set

points on a double fault, and the Australian closed it with a fore-

hand crosscourt volley.

Becker got going in the second set. He saved four break points to go up 4-1, and closed a set of six service breaks with a passing shot

down the line. That string of breaks contin-ued when Becker went up 2-0 in the third set, then held for 3-0 on a dropshot. In the fourth set, the West German broke for 2-1 and 4-1 and held for the match at love - the last three points on two service winners and an ace.

■ The tennis education of Jennifer Capriati continued yesterday with a lesson on how to curtsy to the royal box on Wimbledon's centre court.

Capriati's professional debut on centre court was one for the record books, as she became the youngest player ever to win a Wimbledon match with her 6-3, 6-1 triumph over Canada's Helen Kelesi.

At the age of 14 years, 89 days, Capriati beat Kathy Rinaldis 1981 record by two days.

"It was a moment I'll never forget," Capriati said of stepping onto the centre court grass. "It was a great feeling. The day before, when I found out I was going on centre court. I was so happy I was jumping up and down because I couldn't believe

they put me out there. Then before I went out there. they taught me how to curtsy. I was thinking. Oh my God, royalty at my first match on centre court' so that topped it all

Capriati is not the youngest player ever to participate at Wimbledon. That honour belongs to Austria's Mita Klima, who was 13 when she lost in the first round of the 1907 tour-

However, the Floridian still has a chance at becoming the youngest Wibledon champion in history. Great Britain's Lottie Dod was 15 years, 285 days when she won the 1887 title. If Capriati doesn't turn the trick this year, she'il have another chance to break the record in 1991.

"Idon't know (about breaking the record). I hope so, "Capriati said. "I'll just try my best and go hard in every match. I don't know if I can do it, but I hope I



Irish team meets Pope

Pope John Paul II puts his hand on Irish World Cup goalie Pat Education as he talks with the Irish team, who visited the Vatican vestment (Reuter wirephoto)

Africa gets 3rd slot

ROME, June 27, (AP): Fifa's president Joso Havelange says Africa has carned a third slot in the 1994 World Cap at the expense of Entitles following Cameroon's extraordinary success at the tearmannent, "Africa will automatically get one more place," said Havelange in materies published today by La Gazzetta Dello Sport. "It deserves it. But place will be taken away from Europe."

The North and Central American region and Asia will also get a control to increase their participation to three teams from two but near through a special qualifying series with South American and European mations, he said.

This could further weaken the presence of the traditional succer handland of Europe and South America, which currently have 18 of the 24 mass in Italy's World Cup.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball games: Results of major League baseball games played in United States on Tuesday: American League: New York 8, Milwaukee 2: Cleveland Indians 5, Baltimore 3: Boston 3, Toronto 0; Minnesota Twins 5, Texas 4: Chicago 11, California 9: Oakland 3, Detroit 2: Kansas City 4, Seattle 1. National League: Montreal 6, Chicago Cubs 5; Cincinnati 3, San Francisco 2; Pittsburgh 1, Philadelphia 0; Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 2: San Diego 7, Houston 0; N Y Mets 8, St Louis 6.

Graf considers quitting Germany: Reigning Wimbledon tennis champion Steffi Graf says she is considering moving to the United States and not playing in Germany because of lurid newspaper headlines linking her father to a topless model. "I'm sorry to have to say this, but I have to say the constant of the say this sorty to have to say this." hate these people," Graf was quoted as saying in the latest edition of the West German news magazine Stern, "I will never stop hating these people, who want to destroy my family just to boost the circulation of their newspapers," the West German world number one womens tennis

Japanese find out about soccer: As World Cup fever rages in ltaly, 18 Japanese soccer trainers are quietly taking lessons in how to develop the sport in their country, where it remains in its infancy. The trainers, who have already toured World Cup stadiums and filmed the games, began a five-day course today at Italy's national team headquarters of Countries on the partition of Electrical Cup arising on the cup arising of Electrical Cup arising on the cup arising of Electrical Cup arising on the cup arising of the cup arising of the cup arising of the cup arising and cup arising of the cup a ters of Coverciano on the outskirts of Florence.

Eight Italians arrested: Police arrested eight Italian soccer supporters in Rome early on Tuesday as thousands of people poured into the streets of the capital to celebrate Italy's 2-0 World Cup victory over Uruguay. They said the eight were arrested for throwing stones at police, damaging cars and resisting arrest towards the end of festivities marking Italy's advance to the quarterfinals.

Maradona has workout: Diego Maradona, ruled out of foothall practice by an ankle injury, worked out in the gymnasium on Tuesday in preparation for Argentina's World Cup quarterfinal against Yugoslavia "Diego worked out in the gym. He felt some pain, but he's much better than yesterday," his personal trainer Fernando Signorini said. "But he's unlikely to practice football this week."

Beckenbauer happy for Charlton: Franz Beckenbauer said he was happy for his old World Cup adversary Jack Charlton that Ireland had beaten Romania and reached the quarterfinals. But Beckenbauer, who played against Charlton when England defeated West Germany in the 1966 final, reckons it will be the end of the road for Ireland when they may have be a Company of the conditions. Ireland when they meet Italy on Saturday.

Voeller suspension stands: Fifa yesterday affirmed the one-game suspension for West German striker Rudi Voeller and slapped Dutch deiender Frank Rijkaard with a three-game ban for their angry exchange at a World Cup match. The international soccer federation also confirmed the yellow card for West German midfielder Lothar Matth-aeus, who was booked for wasting time in West Germany's 2-1 victory over the Netherlands in Milan on \$ 100.000.

Kristiansen blacklisted: Norwegian long distance runner lngrid Kristiansen said she had been blacklisted by US immigration authorities for over-staying her visa and feared she might not be able to compete again in the United States. But the US embassy in Oslo said it would be willing to consider issuing new visas to Kristiansen, the world's fastest woman marathon runner and world record holder over 10,000

Record entry: A record 328 gymnasts from 16 countries will compete in the rhythmic sportive gymnastics four continents championship in Tokyo Aug 29-Sept 1, organisers said yesterday. The championship for gymnasts from North and South America, Oceania and Asia is one of four major rhythmic gymnastics events held by the International Gymnastics Federation. The others are the world championships, the World Cun and the Furnmean championships. World Cup and the European championships.

NBA draft: The New Jersey Nets, who are making deals before the National Basketball Association draft, aren't making any that involve their No. 1 pick. The Nets made their second trade in two days on Tuesday, sending Dennis Hopson, the No. 3 selection in 1987, to Chicago for the Bulls' 22nd pick in this year's first round. On Monday, New Jersey and Parcel Them. acquired veteran guard Reggie Theus.

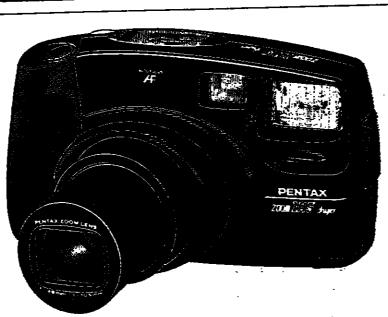
US draw opener: Barry Daily and Chris Williams scored tries Tuesday, helping the US Eagles national rugby union team to a 13-13 draw against state team Queensland B, the first of the US squad's sixmatch Australian tour. Queensland scored its try coming 50 seconds into the game when five-eighth Mitchell Palm recovered his own kick for a score. But the US which will play the Australian national team in a Test match on July 8 at Brickner railied strongly on defence match on July 8 at Brisbanc, rallied strongly on defence.

Shaw must honour contract: Brian Shaw must honour his FIRST INCIDENT CONTRACT: Brian Snaw must nonour his five-year contract with the Boston Celtics and terminate a deal with his preferred Italian team, a federal judge ruled Tuesday. However, Boston general manager Jan Volk said the Celtics can't go into Wednesday night's NBA draft assuming the point guard definitely will be on the team

McEnroe plans return to the top: A chastened John McEnroe dismissed thoughts of retirement after his first round Wimbledon defeat by Derrick Rostagno on Tuesday and planned his return to the high performance level he once knew. "I'm going home now to try and get my act together. And there's a lot of act to get together. But I don't feel shot. I just feel wounded."

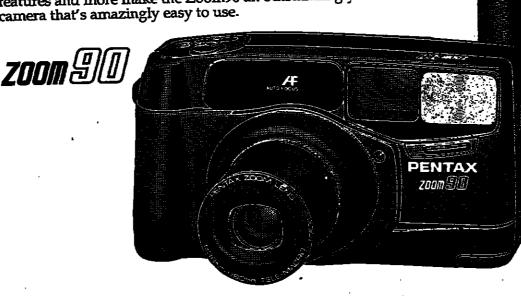
Top runners change events: World and Olympic running champions Abdi Bile of Somalia and Brahim Boutayeb of Morocco are the ones to beat as the IAAF Mobil Grand Prix circuit moves here. The firth of 19 meets will be held in Helsinki before the final in September. Neither runner, however, will start in his premier event, the 1,500 metres for Bile and the 10,000 for Boutayeb.

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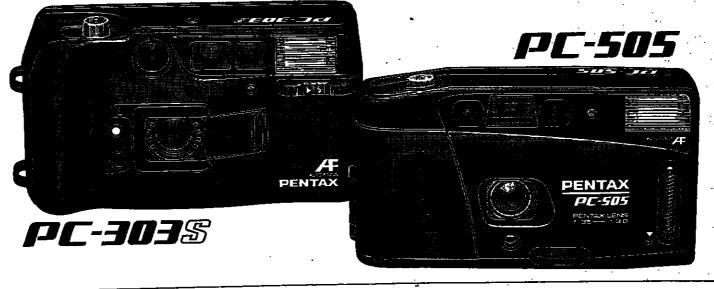


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